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Speaking after taking the oath, President Ford said: "Truth is the glue that holds our Government together." Although strained, that bond was still unbroken at home and abroad.

The new President has called a joint session of Congress for Monday evening to discuss "the priority business of the nation." He met Congressional leaders yesterday and received pledges of cooperation from them.

Mr Nixon flew to California yesterday with his wife, daughter Tricia and her husband, after an emotional farewell meeting with the Cabinet and White House staff.

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This unprecedented but *orderly transition of supreme* power to a man picked from Congress to succeed a corrupt Vice-President, and then a destroyed President, officially *occurred at 11.35 am (4.35 pm* BST) when Mr Nixon's letter of resignation was delivered to the office of the Secretary of State.

The letter said:

The White House,
Washington,
August 9, 1974

Dear Mr Secretary:

I hereby resign the office of President of the United States.

Sincerely,
(signed) Richard Nixon
The Honorable Henry A. Kissinger
The Secretary of State
Washington DC 20520

At the moment of the delivery of the letter by General Alexander Haig, Mr Nixon's Chief of Staff, Mr Ford was automatically President under the Twenty-fifth Amendment. There is never one second of vacancy, even though Chief Justice Warren Burger did not administer the oath until half an hour later.

The fact that at 10.30 am the transfer of "national command authority" to Mr Ford was announced by Dr James Schlesinger, the Defence Secretary, was simply a notification to all commanders that upon succeeding to the Presidency Mr Ford became Commander-in-Chief. Reports that this meant a premature changeover of the supreme nuclear command were officially denied at the *Pentagon*.

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President Ford visited the White House Press Room shortly after being sworn in. He *promised an "open and* candid" Administration, saying that at the age of 61 he was too old to change his habits.

He appointed as Press Secretary a well-known Washington reporter, Mr Jerry ter Horst, chief correspondent in the capital for the *Detroit News*.

Mr Ron Ziegler, Mr Nixon's Press Secretary, *left with Mr* Nixon. Mr Ford had publicly indicated he would not be welcome in his White House. Last night Mr Ziegler made his brief *farewell in the Press Room*, stating he had neither understood nor been understood, which was perhaps his perfect epitaph.

Mr Ford earlier had seen Dr Kissinger, whose retention as Secretary of State he had already announced last night. Dr Kissinger this afternoon began meeting ambassadors to give assurances of the foreign policy continuity Mr Ford had asserted in his inaugural remarks.

Mr Ford stated: "To the peoples and the governments of all friendly nations, and I hope that could encompass the whole world, I pledge an uninterrupted and sincere search for peace. America will remain strong and united, but its strength will remain dedicated to the safety and sanity of the entire family of man, as well as *to our own precious freedom*."

Mr Ford today, even more *impressively than he had last* night in his reassuring remarks on his lawn, struck an unerring tone of humility and good heart.

His *measured compassion* for the Nixons, the hope that Richard Nixon "who brought peace to millions find it for himself", was moving.

Mr Ford bluntly acknowledged that he had not been elected. He is the first unelected President in American history.

He *asked for prayers* to confirm him in the office and then gave this assurance: "If you have not chosen me by secret ballot, neither have I gained *office by any secret promises*."

He pointed out one advantage of this *process*. "I have not subscribed to any partisan platform, I am indebted to no man, and only to one woman, my dear wife." Mrs Betty Ford *stood at his side, eyes shining*. All knew she had wanted him to retire from politics at the end of this term.

Obviously it was not a time *to think* of that next race. Yet under the Constitution Mr Ford can only run once, in 1976, and already by this convulsion he is favourite to win. Mr Nixon's *going also leaves the Republicans* three months to reverse the earlier predicted disaster of Watergate in Congressional elections this autumn.

Mr Ford vowed he *would* "not shirk" his awesome burden of responsibility. He called both the Government who nominated him last October and *Congress which confirmed his appointment* "my friends".

He noted it was late in an election year but counselled: "There is no way forward except together."

Then came the powerful, *compelling renunciation of the* Watergate era. "I believe that truth is the glue that holds government together—not only our Government but civilization itself. That bond, though strained, is unbroken at home and abroad. In all my public and private acts as your President, I expect to follow my instincts of openness and candour with full confidence that *honesty is* always the best *policy* in the end."

He *went on*: "As we *bind up* the internal wounds of Watergate, more painful and more poisonous than those of foreign wars, let us restore the golden *rule to our political process and* let brotherly love purge our hearts of suspicion and hate."

He could only guess at the burdens of office "although I have witnessed at close hand the tragedies that befell three Pre*sidents and the lesser trials* of others". This was a reference to the past decade of upheaval that has seen the death, abdication and removal of three successive Presidents.

But he pledged again, as he did when sworn in before Congress last December as Vice-President, both to uphold the Constitution and "to do what is right, as God gives me to see the right, and to do the very best I can for America". He concluded: "God helping me, I will not let you down."

It was officially announced that Mr Nixon had granted no pardons to anyone before his *Presidency expired. Mr terHorst* said at his first briefing that he had not discussed with President Ford the *subject* of *immunity* from prosecution for Mr Nixon.

Internment's violent anniversary in Ulster

From Robert Fisk
Belfast

Provisional and official IRA sympathizers in Northern Ireland yesterday took part in a *violent, if entirely predictable*, protest on the third anniversary of internment without trial. They hijacked, and in most cases burnt, at least 55 lorries, buses and *cars in the co Down* border town of Newry and in Belfast.

The demonstrations had begun on Thursday night with bonfires, parades, *shooting* incidents and minor rioting in the Falls Road district of Belfast, but the police said yesterday evening that in Newry there had been "non-stop hijacking for 24 hours"; with about 40 vehicles stolen.

The town's population is almost entirely composed of Roman Catholics and both IRA movements have strong contingents there. By last night, a *boy of 16 had* been wounded, apparently by a stray bullet, and a lorry driver injured, when a youth threw a knife through the window of his cab.

Burnt out or burning vehicles littered the streets near the big estates round Newry while three miles away at the co Armagh border post of Killeen, the *main Dublin-Belfast road* was blocked by stolen cars and buses.

In west Belfast, the situation was little better. During the *night there had been a spate of* hijackings and yesterday a further five lorries, two vans and a bus were used to *block* streets around the Falls Road.

It would have been difficult yesterday afternoon for a driver to get into the Falls for at lunchtime hundreds of soldiers blocked off all the roads leading to it. *On at least one occasion* two soldiers, standing 20 yards from two large lorries, watched without moving as their drivers were ordered by a civilian, who was apparently *unarmed*, to block a road.

The Army was glimpsed in the Falls only at intervals as soldiers usually crossed the street at a run. *The action of* the military authorities in refusing to allow anyone into the district so annoyed local taxi men that they blocked streets in the centre of Belfast.

The annual commemoration of internment day in 1971 has always taken the form of widescale hijacking.

The police in Belfast yesterday named a man who was assassinated just before midnight on Thursday as Mr Terence Miskimmon, aged 24, a Protestant labourer from Holywood, co Down. He was *found shot dead at* Seaview Drive in the strongly "loyalist" area near the Shore Road, seven miles from his home.

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Cyprus demarcation lines settled by joint commission

From Paul Martin
Nicosia, Aug 9

The mixed Cyprus ceasefire commission today signed an agreement which will provide the basis for the demarcation of Turkish and Greek Cypriot territory. With a smile and a handshake Turkish and Greek officers sealed the accord, aimed at strengthening the ceasefire.

The document will now go to Geneva for further discussion by the Foreign Ministers of Britain, Greece and Turkey. It *is the basis on which an agreed* line will be drawn and buffer zones separating the two warring forces will be established. This, it is hoped, will pave the way for the next moves towards settlement.

The chairman of the commission, Colonel Jerry Hunter of Britain, refused to disclose any details of the agreement. However he said: "There is a basis *in here for agreement every*where and most of it is finally agreed". He said that the officers of Turkey, Greece, the United Nations and Britain were "entirely agreed" on what the *document contained*.

At the same time the commanders of the Turkish army in the island and the Greek National Guard announced that *they had given strict orders to* their forces to adhere to the ceasefire. Their call resulted in the quietest day on the island's battlefields since Turkey's inva*sion was launched three weeks* ago.

Although the ceasefire was to have come into effect 10 days ago, there has been no let-up *in fighting on the northern* coast until now. The Turks have used the truce to further improve their positions on the ground, pushing Greek Cypriot *forces to the western extremity* of the Kyrenia range. It was only in the 24 hours before the agreement was signed that the Turks mopped up the last two *important Greek villages in this* area.

They have also maintained their build-up of troops and men, landing reinforcements daily from supply ships anchored off the Kyrenia bridgehead.

The agreement leaves the Turks in a powerful position. They control most of the Kyrenia range, dominate the east and west approach roads from Nicosia, and threaten Nicosia International Airport. With the military might on the island, they are in a position to mount a ground action to relieve their besieged community in Famagusta and thus cut off the entire northern part of the island.

The Greek Cypriots, in addition to their *inferiority in* numbers and equipment, have also faced extreme political restraints.

Major Evangelos Tsolakis, the *Greek representative on the* commission, said that he was happy about the contents of the agreement. "Every effort has been made so that this docu*ment will help our Ministers in* their work at Geneva", he said after the signing ceremony at the United Nations headquarters here.

A similarly optimistic view was taken by Colonel Nezihi Chakar, the Turkish representative. He referred to "Turkish concessions", expressing a hope that the accord would help in furthering the Geneva attempts to work out "security zones".

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£3m cannabis haul in crates for embassy

By Clive Borrell

More than two and a half tons of cannabis, worth just over £3m on the black market, was *being guarded by police* and customs officers at a warehouse in Liverpool last night. It is the biggest quantity of illegal drugs ever discovered in Britain. *For the past 19 days* armed police have waited in vain near Gladstone Dock for someone to collect the consignment.

Special Branch detectives have been called in to help Liverpool police and customs men. The two crates containing the drug were addressed to the *United Arab Emirates Embassy* in Prince's Gate, Kensington, London.

When investigators opened the crates they found packages of onyx *ornaments* shipped from Karachi. Under the first layer were dozens of packets containing cannabis, addressed to the embassy.

Police and *customs men last* night praised the cooperation given by embassy officials who for more than a fortnight kept the consignment secret in the *hope that the pedlars in Britain* might be trapped.

Late last night the United Arab Emirates Embassy said: "On June 5 this year we received a bill of lading advising us of the arrival of two crates being sent from Karachi addressed to this embassy. We were told that the shipment contained handicrafts materials.

"Being unsure of the nature of the goods or the identity of *the consignors we called in* Scotland Yard and requested that they take charge of opening the crates. We were told later that the shipment contained *a large quantity of* cannabis."

The embassy added that "throughout this strange case" it had been in close touch with *the authorities. It "deeply de*plored such a malicious attempt to involve the embassy's name and status in an open criminal act".

The crates were found on board the motor vessel City of St Albans which arrived in Liverpool on July 22. The ship is now in a repair yard at Birkenhead.

Drugs squad officers in London and the Home Counties have raided several addresses since the ship docked but by last night had not established a link between the pedlars and smugglers.

The technique of using diplomatic immunity for illegal consignments is not new. Often the shipment is intercepted before *suspicion is aroused. In the* case of this consignment the Arab embassy was wary, not of drugs, but of bombs and was quick to call in Scotland Yard.

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Three killed in mid-air crash

Three people died in a mid-air crash between an RAF Phantom jet and a Piper crop-spraying aircraft at Denver Sluice, near Downham Market, Norfolk, yesterday.

They were Group Captain David Blucke, aged 42, married with two children, and Flight Lieutenant Terence Kirkland, aged 28, single, from RAF *Coningsby*, Lincoln, and the pilot of the crop-sprayer.

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Our Own Correspondent
gton, Aug 9

Richard Nixon took off lrizzle this morning from s Air Force base, his ncy *expiring* while he *mid-air to California*. He with Mrs Nixon, his r Tricia and her hus- Ir Edward Cox, on board residential airliner he ed "*The Spirit of '76*" 1976 American bicen- which he intended using climax of his two terms ident.

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n *Mr Nixon arrived* in nia this afternoon he was l by a cheering crowd of military dependants at o Marine air base. He em he was "*home*".

h of his going was l, as he has always controlled every reaction towards outsiders. Only a Nixon could have released the poignantly emotional photograph of his family, and his daughters, in their moment of anguish.

Mrs Julie Nixon Eisenhower, who fought his case so hard, and believed him when he vowed he would fight to the last senator, has emerged as the one Nixon everyone admires.

Today Mr Nixon was up very early. He said goodbye first to his personal servants, who told the press the President had been betrayed by his White House men, then came to the East Room before the assembled Cabinet and his staff. Mr Ford was not present.

In an extremely tense atmosphere, Mr Nixon gamely tried some jokes. One about his taxes must have hurt *most*. *But there* was a touch of snarl that had *not* been present last night: "Sure we have done some things wrong in this Administration and the top man always takes the responsibility, and I've never ducked it."

But he insisted, braving the reports of his *property* improvements and the alleged use on his behalf of campaign funds, that "no man or woman ever profited at the public expense or the public till" in his Administration.

He added: "*You did what* you believed in, sometimes right, sometimes wrong."

Mr Nixon today again quoted from Theodore Roosevelt, and nearly broke down. His text was the young Roosevelt believing "*the light had gone out of his* life forever" on the death of his young love.

Mr Nixon said that Roosevelt went on to serve the nation as an ex-President "always in the arena, tempestuous, strong, sometimes wrong, sometimes right". He added for emphasis to all his men: "That's an *example I think all of us* should remember."

He added, peculiarly: "Always remember, others may hate you. Those who hate you don't win, unless you hate them, and then you destroy yourself."

He then said he left "with deep humility and very much gratefulness". He obviously couldn't bear to leave. He went on, not quite finding the words he wanted. *He* said again he was "proud of the people who have stood by me". Not once did he apologize to any of them, General Haig, Mr St Clair, Dr Kissinger and the rest, for having deceived them along with the country.

The Nixons left the room, the *Hail to the Chief* no more sounded by the band. On the South Lawn the Fords came out. Mrs Ford put her arms around Mrs Nixon. They moved quickly towards the helicopter. The carpet was rolled up. The *rotors whirred* for the last time.

The big helicopter lifted over *the* Ellipse, *the* Jefferson Memorial and off down the Potomac to Andrews Air Force base, scene of so many of his triumphant arrivals and departures. From his waves, V-signs, grins, you might have thought it was *another* of them. But the faces of the Nixon women told it all.

Mr Connally in court on bribery charges

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Aug 9

Mr John Connally, former Secretary of the Treasury, *former* Governor of Texas and, a year ago, a man with high hopes of succeeding Mr Nixon to the Presidency, was formally arraigned in court today on five counts of accepting bribes, conspiracy and obstructing justice. He pleaded not guilty to all of them.

A year ago, when Mr Nixon began to look for a replacement for Vice-President Agnew, his first choice was Mr Connally. He was a *life-time* Democrat and friend of President Johnson who had joined the Nixon Administration as Secretary of the Treasury, and supervised the first devaluation of the dollar.

Mr Nixon finally preferred Mr Ford, fearing difficulties in Congress over confirming Mr Connally. So one hour before Mr Ford was sworn in as President, Mr Connally was arraigned in the district court *at the other end of* Pennsylvania Avenue.

He is accused of accepting two $5,000 (£2,000) bribes from a milk cooperative in exchange for using his influence to obtain an increase in milk prices. *The man* who allegedly delivered the bribes, Mr Jake Jacobson, and the chairman of the milk cooperative who allegedly supplied the money, have both pleaded guilty to the charge of offering a bribe.

The date for Mr Connally's trial will be set later. Meanwhile, there is much agitation among lawyers preparing for the main Watergate trial, which is due to begin on September 9. They hope that it *will* be postponed for several months and apparently there is a good chance that it will be.

The events of the past few days, particularly the publication of Mr Nixon's last transcripts on Monday, may be *thought to have prejudiced* some of the defendants' chances of a fair trial.

Mr John Mitchell, the former Attorney General, was *described on one of the trans*cripts as having known about the Watergate burglary in advance and having suggested a means of covering up his *complicity a week later*.

Mr H. R. Haldeman, Mr Nixon's Chief of Staff at the time, described the burglary and the cover-up to Mr Nixon. If this were not incriminating enough, Mr Nixon's virtual *admission of the cover-up and* the impeachment debates themselves might also make it very difficult to find an impartial jury for Mr Mitchell, Mr Haldeman and the others.

There is much discussion of Mr Nixon's own legal future. He might be summoned as a witness in the trial, although the judge might argue that his *evidence was not essential*.

He might be prosecuted himself. The grand jury only refrained from indicting him in the first place because he was a *President* in office. This restraint no longer applies.

Mr Leon Jaworski issued a statement last night saying that no deals had been proposed or accepted on the outgoing President's behalf.

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200 food price increases approved

By Hugh Clayton

More than 200 food price rises of up to 25p in the pound were announced yesterday. Most had been allowed in full by the Price Commission. The Government decided to add £500,000 to this year's £30m cheese subsidy bill by extending the payment to Esrom, Finbo, Molbo and Svenbo cheeses.

The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection said the subsidy would put them in the same competitive position as cheeses that were already subsidized.

The price rises cover Colman's mustard, Lyons coffee, Vesta packet meals, Rowntree sweets and most biscuits made in Britain. They come less than a month after Sir Arthur Cockfield, chairman of the commission, said that food no longer led the inflationary price spiral. "We have not detected any significant change in trends", the commission said yesterday.

Lyons Tetley said the commission had accepted its case for a rise in the price of French coffee. The recommended retail price of a 1lb tin will go from 40p to 50p. Colman's is raising prices on 20 mustard lines. Mr Guy Walker, marketing director of Batchelor's Foods, said the commission had allowed rises averaging about a tenth in wholesale rates for Vesta meals, packet soup and vegetable products.

Mr John Mann, deputy chairman of United Biscuits, said the company was to charge about a tenth more for "virtually all our branded biscuits".

Associated Biscuit Manufacturers Ltd has been given rises averaging more than 5p in the pound. The two companies together produce more than two-thirds of the biscuits made in Britain under the Crawford, McVitie, Jacobs, Peak Frean and Huntley & Palmer labels.

The Government has yet to decide how to announce a rise in the bread subsidy to cover a rise of ½p on a large loaf allowed by the Price Commission this week. With government publications delayed by industrial action, Parliament in recess, and Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, abroad, her staff in London face a dilemma.

Gold rose tree model stolen

Police were searching yesterday for three men in their twenties they believe could help with inquiries into the theft of a gold replica of a rose tree from Farnborough Abbey, Hampshire.

The model was presented by Pope Pius IX to the Empress Eugénie, wife of Napoleon III, to mark the birth of her son in 1856. It was stolen from the Abbey's museum on Wednesday.

Scanlon warning of industrial unrest over unions Act changes

By Alan Hamilton
Labour Staff

A winter of industrial chaos should Labour fail to win the next election has been predicted by Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, and one of the most influential voices in the trade union movement.

Writing in the Union's monthly journal, he said that trade union members cannot deceive themselves about the intentions of either Conservatives or Liberals for working people; a vote for either of those two anti-working class parties would be a vote for the enemies of the union movement.

Even if a Labour government is returned, Mr Scanlon is still not hopeful about the prospects for industrial peace because of amendments to the Government's Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, which received the Royal Assent last week.

"The implications for industrial relations are enormous and we now look set for almost as much industrial unrest as that caused by the old Industrial Relations Act", he says. "The Tories and Liberals in both Houses have wilfully thrown a spanner into the workings of British industry. It is the height of wanton destructiveness."

Echoing the recent sentiments of Mr Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, Mr Scanlon says: "Very few of those peers who voted for the alterations have any experience of what factory life is like and yet they presume to tell working people what we should be doing."

He lists the troublesome amendments as those which seek to regulate who shall or shall not be a trade union member; how union rules should be drawn up; an amendment that allows a union to be sued for breach of commercial contract; and one that effectively prevents British workers from taking sympathetic action with colleagues abroad who are employed by the same multinational company.

"Imagine the uproar if we told these unelected, irresponsible peers that regulations would be passed to control the membership of their clubs or their professions", he says.

Mr Scanlon states that Labour's original Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill has been mutilated by a combination of anti-trade union elements in both Houses of Parliament.

He criticizes the Government for not having set itself the simpler task of merely repealing the Conservatives' 1971 Industrial Relations Act. "Difficulties would no doubt have arisen but none more complicated than those now with us after the Tories and Liberals have finished their wrecking campaign."

He has a kind word to say about the Government's record in implementing its election programme, but says that experience has shown the need to work for the return of a Labour Government with a big majority.

"The alternatives will be either a Conservative or a Conservative-Liberal coalition government, with a return to the vicious anti-working class policies which characterized the years 1970 to 1974." He adds that the only effective way to fight inflation is with a genuinely socialist programme.

The technical and supervisory section of Mr Scanlon's union has tabled what will undoubtedly turn out to be the most hard-line, left-wing resolution at this year's TUC Congress in Brighton next month. It calls for much wider socialist measures, including large-scale nationalization, by the Government before the trade union movement is prepared to honour its side of the "social contract".

Tories plan new policy on industry

By Our Political Staff

A new Conservative policy on industry to be disclosed soon, will contain proposals for participation by employees in management, a theme that Mr Prior, shadow minister for employment, touched upon in a speech yesterday at Swinton Conservative College, Yorkshire.

The proposals will require changes in the Companies Act, but the emphasis will be upon flexibility. Industry will not be forced into a straitjacket.

Mr Prior said that the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act, as the Conservatives had amended it, was a solid foundation for legislation on union organization and collective bargaining. No further heavy legislation in those areas was required.

"Throughout the debates on the Bill it was our intention that our amendments should reflect a coherent philosophy, and that when the Bill became law it should be capable of forming a permanent foundation for our labour law in this country", he said. "This we have achieved, and our amendments have been designed to fit in as workable parts of the overall structure of the Act.

"Britain should now aim at catching up with developments in Europe. We need to develop the new themes of employee participation and employee involvement. We need to find ways of improving the arrangements for redundancy payments. We need to find a new approach to the improvement of the quality of life at work."

The Conservatives will attempt also to involve industry more closely in the processes of government. Mr Michael Heseltine, shadow Minister for Trade and Industry, said yesterday that there were four partners in the same boxing ring—the Civil Service and Government, the unions, the financial world and management. A continuous dialogue between the four was needed. That could not be achieved by the personal exertions of any minister, he said, the dialogue needed to be institutionalized.

That did not mean a new legislative framework which would take years to set up. It would be better to build on existing organizations such as the National Economic Development Office, trade associations, and the regional planning councils. But if they were to be given a more meaningful purpose they would have to be more than talking shops. The Government would need not merely to seek their advice but to give them the power to make decisions.

What is envisaged, therefore, is the devolution of certain decision-making powers, including in some cases decisions on the spending of money, away from central departments in Whitehall. That does not imply any constitutional upheaval; ministers would still have ultimate responsibility, but in practice the position of civil servants would inevitably be affected.

Mr Heseltine emphasized to me that Britain was fortunate in her Civil Service, but he said there was too little knowledge of experience in other countries and too little time was spent planning for the future. Invaluable as the service was, its experience needed to be supplemented from outside.

In theory that could be done by introducing the French cabinet system. But the Conservatives clearly believe that it would be much better, and less traumatic, to achieve the same ends by devolving certain decisions on outside bodies.

Such proposals may not be welcome to those devotees of pure free enterprise within the Conservative Party who would prefer to see government and industry kept strictly each to its own territory. But Mr Heseltine believes that doctrine, whether of the right or the left, has little to do with the difficulties facing the country. He sees governments around the world competing with each other and using industry as their chosen instrument.

The logic of that analysis is that industry and government in Britain should work together more closely, and there is the hope that with both sides of industry involved, there might be less chopping and changing of government policy about which the Confederation of British Industry complained recently.

Mr Mayhew adopted: Mr Christopher Mayhew, the former Labour minister who joined the Liberals, gave a warning last night that Labour's present "show of moderation" would not survive if the party was returned for another term (the Press Association reports).

He said in Bath, after he had been adopted as the city's prospective Liberal parliamentary candidate, that electors should not be deceived by Labour's preelection stance. "Moderate policies and personalities would be crushed by card votes at the party's first conference after the election", he said.

Canal restrictions 'could have been avoided'

By Our Planning Reporter

The latest restrictions on the use of canals, caused by exceptionally low water levels, should never have been necessary, Mr John Dodwell, general secretary of the Inland Waterways Association, said yesterday.

The British Waterways Board on Wednesday announced that as from Monday several locks in southern and central England would be closed between 7 pm and 9 am. The board also said that, in the absence of heavy rainfall, the Oxford Canal (South) might have to be closed before the end of the month.

Mr Dodwell blames inadequate maintenance. The board, he says, should have enlarged the feeder reservoirs, installed equipment to pump water back up from lower to higher levels, and employed more lock-keepers to ensure that sluices were properly shut.

"But the people at the board just do not seem to know the answers", he said yesterday. "If you ask how much it would cost to carry out the necessary works, no one knows."

The board has previously said that the backlog of repairs and maintenance on waterways for which it is responsible would cost about £32m. The Government is sceptical and has commissioned an independent report.

Another man to face trial over explosions

From Our Correspondent
Manchester

Magistrates in Manchester agreed yesterday to defer the committal for trial of two sisters and a man, accused of conspiring to cause explosions, after they heard that another man had been arrested.

Ann Gillespie, aged 24, a hospital receptionist, her sister Eileen, aged 21, a nurse, both of Victoria Grove, Fallowfield, Manchester, and Edward Byrne, aged 29, of Woodpecker Walk, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham, were remanded in custody until next Friday.

Mr Brian Crebbin, for the prosecution, said a man wanted on the same charges had been arrested.

He had been interviewed by police and papers for the Manchester offences were being prepared. Mr Crebbin said the committal should take place on August 23.

Mr Michael Sachs for the defence, did not seek bail, but said strenuous objections would be made if the committal did not take place in two weeks. By that time the three defendants would have been in custody for four months. Reporting restrictions had been lifted earlier.

Mr Silkin better

Mr Silkin, the Attorney General, has been discharged from King's College Hospital, London, after his operation.

S. Webb leads by half a point in chess contest

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Clacton

Simon Webb was leading with 4½ points out of 5 at the end of the fifth round in the British chess championship at Clacton yesterday. He had little difficulty in beating Hempson

Of Webb's chief rivals, Bellin and Haygarth had an early draw and the game between Mestel and Botterill ended shortly before time was called in a victory for Mestel, who thereby rose to second place.

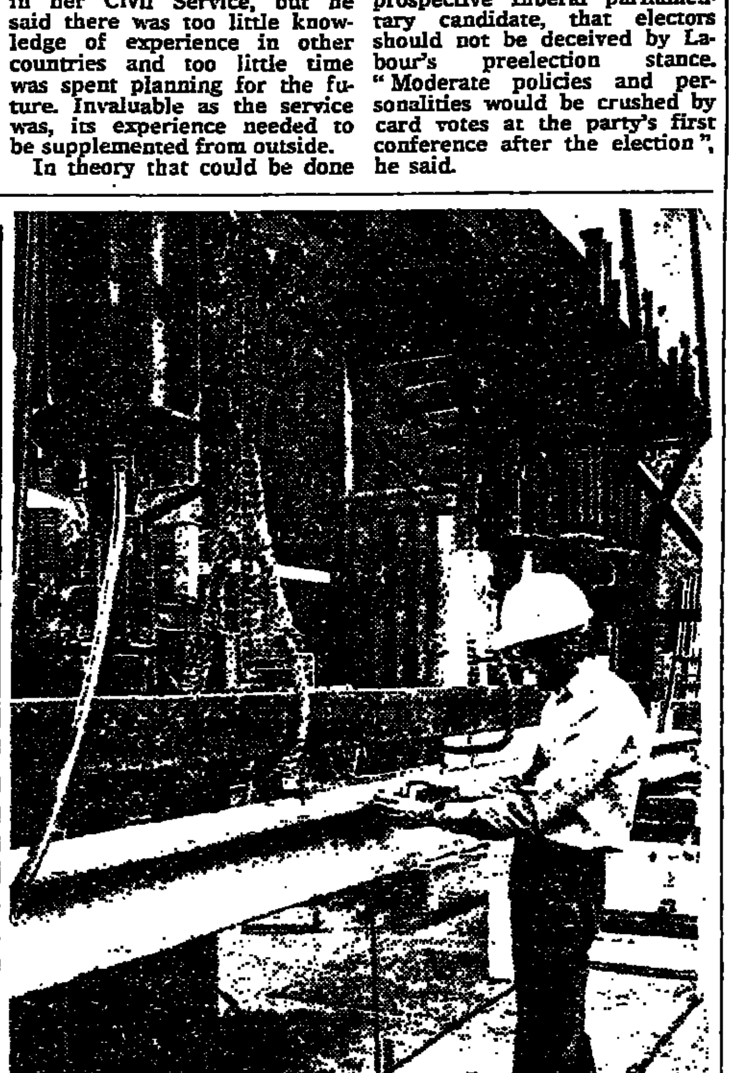
The leading scores are: S. Webb 4½; Mestel 4; Bellin 3½. Many players have 3 points, including the defending champion Hartston, who won well against R. Webb

Results of round 4: Speelman 0, S. Webb 1; Perkins ½, Bellin ½; Haygarth ½, Hindle ½; Williams 0, Botterill 1; Law ½, Sloan ½; Hempson 1, R. Webb 0; Sinclair 0, Mestel 1; Hartston 1, Horner 0; Ely ½, Knox ½; Ludgate ½, Holloway ½; Nunn ½, Penrose ½; Mabbs 1, Hardy 0; Lennox ½, Bennett ½; Clarke ½, Swanson ½; Lightfoot 1, Thomas 0; Wise won a default against Yerby (withdrawn through illness).

Round 5: S. Webb 1, Hempson 0; Mestel 1, Botterill 0; Bellin ½, Haygarth ½; Hindle ½, Law ½; Sloan ½, Speelman ½; Holloway ½, Perkins ½; Ely ½, Mabbs ½; Horner v Ludgate adj; Knox ½, Williams ½; R. Webb 0, Hartston 1; Bennett 1, Lightfoot 0; Clarke ½, Lennox ½; Penrose ½, Sinclair ½; Swanson 0, Nunn 1; Thomas ½, Wise ½; Hardy had the bye.

In the Ladies' Championship Mrs Hartston leads with 4½ points ahead of Mrs Clarke, 4.

Round 5 results: Miss Higgins ½, Mrs Clarke ½; Miss Jackson ½, Miss Caldwell ½; Mrs Hindle 1, Miss M. Hutchinson 0; Miss Povall 0, Mrs Hartston 1; Mrs Chalaway ½, Miss S. Hutchinson ½; Miss Habershon 0, Miss Sunnucks 1.



An alumina cement roof beam being tested to destruction at the Building Research Establishment, Garston, Hertfordshire.

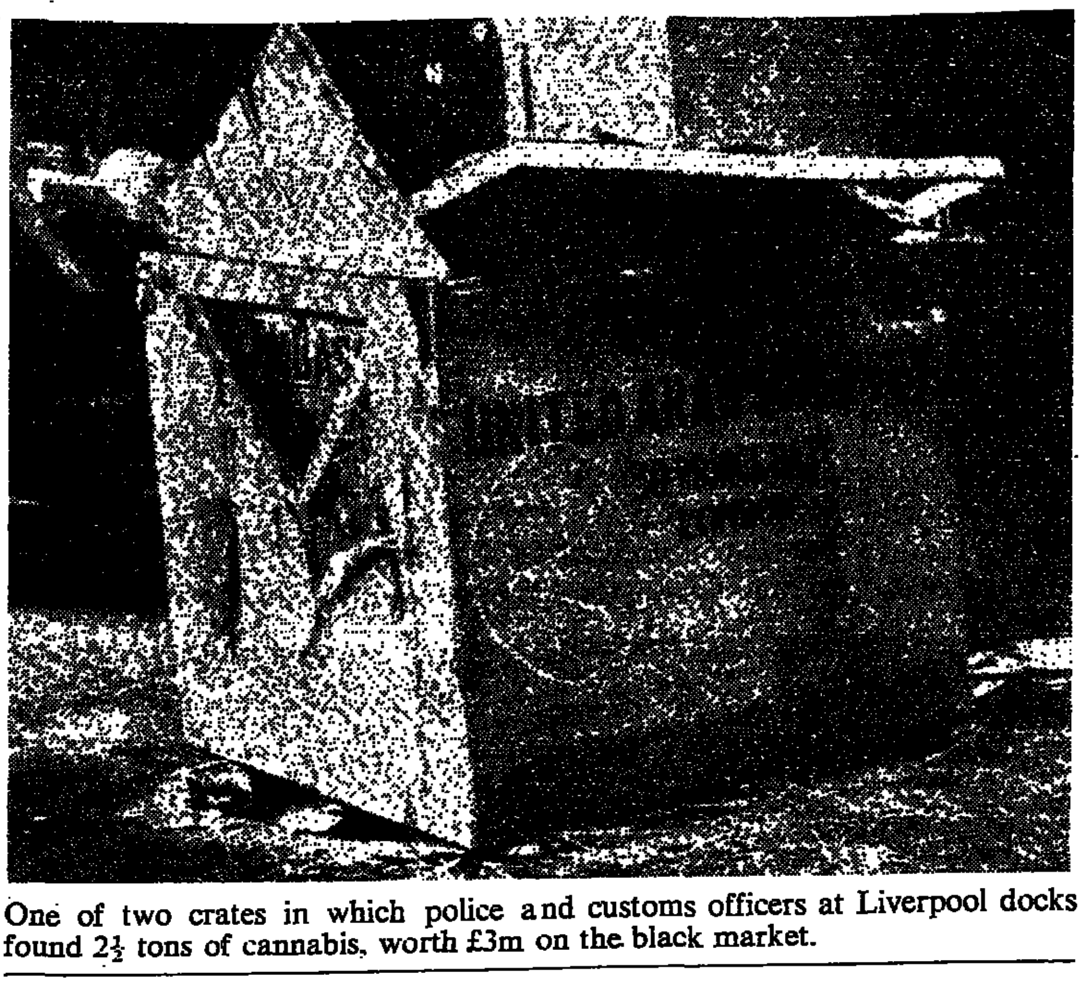
New cement safeguard

A consultative document proposing an amendment to the building regulations to enable local authorities to reject plans for structural work involving the use of high-alumina cement, has been circulated to 100 interested organizations.

The Department of the Environment, in announcing that yesterday, said the proposed amendment followed a Building Research Establishment report on the collapse last February of roof beams over the swimming pool at a school in Stepney. The report indicated that high-alumina cement concrete was vulnerable to loss of strength.

The causes include manufacturing methods and conditions, and changes in temperature and humidity which may occur at any time in the life of a building. As there is no way of accurately predicting the future extent of deterioration or over what period it is likely to occur, users are advised that as far as is practicable the material should not be used for structural work until further notice.

Because of special properties, however, there are circumstances in which the use of high-alumina cement can be justified. Thus it is not proposed to prohibit the use of high-alumina cement but that its use in structural work *should no longer be considered* as satisfying the requirements of regulations about structural stability.



One of two crates in which police and customs officers at Liverpool docks found 2½ tons of cannabis, worth £3m on the black market.

X-ray staff threaten emergency services

Selective strikes by radiographers who operate hospital X-ray machines continued yesterday as a threat grew that emergency cover will be withdrawn if it is abused.

The national executive of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS), which claims to represent 3,000 of the 7,000 National Health Service radiographers, meets today in London to sanction further strike action from Monday.

Areas already badly affected include the North-east, where work at 45 hospitals is reported to be disrupted and where some radiographers have been on strike for four weeks.

Hospitals in London, Devon, Scotland and Lancashire have also been affected.

Yesterday radiographers at two hospitals in Stockport threatened indefinite strike action from Monday, joining existing strikers in six hospitals in the Blackburn and Salford areas.

Mr Frank Sharp, area organizer for the association in Manchester, said that other hospitals in the North-west would follow. Oldham, Rochdale and Manchester hospitals have been named. Only one hour's notice of the strikes would be given.

The radiographers want an immediate interim pay rise of a fifth to bring their basic pay up to £31 a week.

Docking system unsafe, Tory group maintains

By Our Shipping Correspondent

The arrangements for ships entering and leaving British ports are chaotic and unsafe, a committee of lawyers concludes in a Conservative Political Centre pamphlet.

The group urges that "antiquated" laws on ship control be updated by a new port traffic Bill requiring all ships of more than 500 tons to carry electronic equipment and to make contact with the port authority when entering or leaving port. Port authorities would be required to draft regulations governing traffic control in their areas.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Mr Derek Hene, notes that ships can now enter or leave ports without giving notice and, unless one is waiting for them, without a pilot.

In practice most ships do use pilots whose safety records are second to none, the committee says.

Safety in British Ports, Conservative Central Office, 32 Smith Square, London, SW1. 30p.

Anxieties over eisteddfod costs vanish

Eisteddfod organizers at Carmarthen were confident yesterday that they would end the week with a profit, despite record costs of £158,000. So far 131,884 people have visited the festival in five days.

Another record attendance is expected at Carmarthen today, when the male voice choir competition takes place.

Mr Gwynoro Jones, MP for Carmarthen, said in a presidential speech that in an age when the nations of the world were seeking to get together, it was essential that Welsh people should hold fast to the nation's values and language.

Photograph, page 14

Red Lion Square officer buried

Sir Robert Mark, the Metropolitan Police commissioner, led 200 police mourners at the burial of Inspector David Gisborne, aged 36, at Sutton, Surrey, yesterday.

The inspector, from Notting Hill police station, collapsed two days after the Red Lion Square demonstration on June 15. *He remained in a semi-coma until he died on Monday* leaving a widow and two daughters.

GLC to join in calls for bigger grants

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

The Greater London Council will not be seeking a supplementary rate *this* autumn, Mr Illtyd Harrington, deputy leader, announced yesterday.

He said that despite the "great pressures of inflation" they would not be asking the boroughs for more in rates during this financial year. "Even though no one can predict the full effects of the vast inflation we are going through, we are determined to stick to a 'holding operation'", he said.

In the meantime, the Labour-controlled council says it will join with other local authorities to press the Government for more rate support and bigger grants for housing and transport.

"The Government can always buttress itself to a large extent against inflation because it recovers more money in increased taxation. This course is not open to us and the London boroughs, and we shall call on the Government for much more aid", Mr Harrington said.

Mr Harrington's statement came as the council concluded its first review of next year's budget. He said: "We must resist putting even greater burdens on the ratepayers." The boroughs already owe the GLC £35m, a backlog caused by the industrial action of the National and Local Government Officers' Association.

The GLC estimates that with London weighting, costing £4m, pay increases to London Transport, costing another £23m, threshold payments, and other inflationary increases, it will be £45m in deficit this year.

Mr Harrington added: "We have set ourselves against adding to current inflation by asking for a supplementary rate. We will cover the deficit with temporary loans, though it must be said that next year's precept is bound to be higher."

Part of the rate rise in London this year was caused by the higher GLC precept and the prospect of bigger rises next year will worry the boroughs.

When a 46 per cent increase in the precept was announced by the GLC last February, Mr Horace Cutler, the Conservative minority leader, pointed out that because of the loss of some functions the real rise was 85 per cent.

Ulster soldier remanded on charge of murder

From a Staff Reporter
Belfast

A soldier in The Royal Regiment of Wales appeared before magistrates at Cookstown, co Tyrone, yesterday charged with the murder on Wednesday of Mr Patrick McElhone, a Roman Catholic, aged 23, of Pomeroy, co Tyrone.

Private Roy Jones, aged 26, who is stationed at Palace Barracks, Holywood, was granted bail at the end of a six-minute hearing on the understanding that he would be kept in close military custody. Private Jones, whose home is in Preston, Lancashire, was remanded for two months.

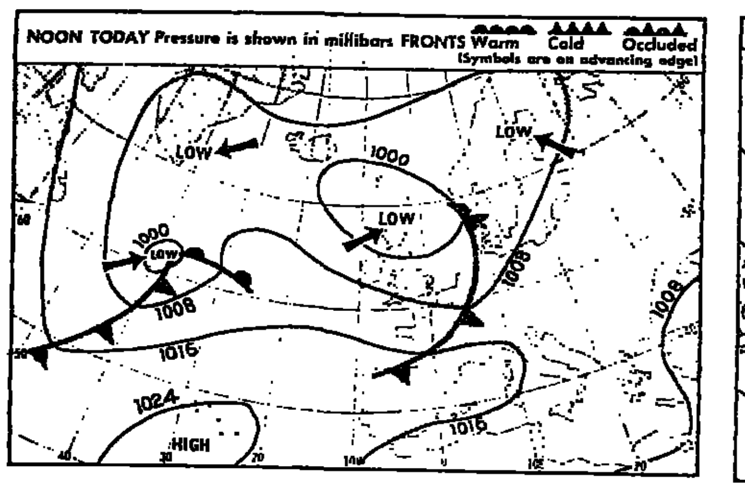
A Royal Ulster Constabulary detective inspector told the court that when he cautioned Private Jones after preferring the charge against him, the accused man said: "Not guilty. It was an accident."

When Private Jones's counsel, Mr Blair Crossey, applied for bail he said that there were administrative difficulties in keeping a soldier in civilian custody in Northern Ireland.

Mr John Fyffe, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said he was satisfied by the undertaking given by the accused man's commanding officer that he would be kept in close military custody but added that a big amount of bail would be required.

Mr Gerry McCanny, the resident magistrate (equivalent to a stipendiary magistrate in England) remanded Private Jones on personal bail of £1,000 with one surety of £1,000.

Weather forecast and recordings



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Today

Sun rises: 5.37 am Sun sets: 8.34 pm
Moon sets: 1.49 pm Moon rises: 10.51 pm
Last quarter: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 9.4 pm to 5.9 am.
High water: London Bridge, 6.45 am, 6.5m (21.4ft); 6.51 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft). Avonmouth, 11.59 am, 11.2m (36.7ft). Dover, 3.49 am, 5.8m (19.0ft); 4.7 pm, 5.9m (19.5ft). Hull, 10.56 am, 6.6m (21.5ft); 11.31 pm, 6.1m (19.9ft). Liverpool, 3.54 am, 7.8m (25.6ft); 4.19 pm, 7.4m (24.4ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 5.39 am Sun sets: 8.32 pm
Moon sets: 3.1 pm Moon rises: 11.29 pm
Last quarter: 3.46 am.
Lighting up: 9.2 pm to 5.11 am.
High water: London Bridge, 7.23 am, 6.3m (20.6ft); 7.33 pm, 6.3m (20.6ft). Avonmouth, 12.19 am, 10.9m (35.8ft); 12.44 pm, 10.7m (35.0ft). Dover, 4.36 am, 5.6m (18.3ft); 5.1 pm, 5.7m (18.7ft). Hull, 11.44 am, 6.2m (20.4ft). Liverpool, 4.44 am, 7.5m (24.5ft); 5.15 pm, 7.2m (23.5ft).

An unstable W airstream will cover most parts of the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S, E England, East Anglia, Midlands, Channel Islands: Showers or longer outbreaks of rain, heavy at times, sunny spells; wind W, moderate to fresh; max temp 20°C (68°F).

SW England, Wales: Showers, heavy at times, sunny spells; wind W, moderate to fresh; max temp 19°C (66°F).

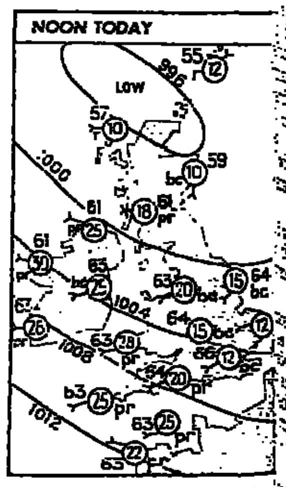
NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Showers or longer outbreaks of rain, heavy at times, some sunny intervals; wind W to NW, moderate; max temp 16°C or 17°C (61°F or 63°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, E Scotland, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Showers, heavy at times, some sunny intervals; wind W, moderate; max temp 18°C (64°F).

Caithness, Orkney, Shetland: Rain or showers, bright intervals; wind variable or E, light or moderate; max temp 14°C or 15°C (57°F or 59°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Mainly dry at first spreading from W to man later.

Sea passages: North Sea, of Dover, English Channel George's Channel, Irish Sea W, fresh or strong; sea to rough.



Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 23°C (73°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 15°C (59°F). Humid. 71 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, trace. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 6.0 Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, Aug 9

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp °C	°F
E COAST				
Scarboro	9.4	.04	19	66
Bridlington	7.3	.02	20	68
Gorleston	8.1	—	20	68
Clacton	5.8	—	22	72
Margate	6.5	.02	22	72
S COAST				
Hastings	7.5	.05	21	70
Eastbourne	9.4	.01	21	70
Brighton	6.8	.10	20	68
Worthing	7.5	.11	20	68
Bognor R	6.9	.17	21	70
Southsea	8.1	.07	21	70
Sandown	8.6	—	20	68
Bournemth	6.0	.10	20	68
Exmouth	5.6	.09	19	66
Torquay	6.0	.02	19	66
Falmouth	5.5	.04	18	64
W COAST				
Morecambe	6.1	.12	18	64
Blackpool	5.5	.01	17	63
Aberystwth	—	.15	17	63
Newquay	5.9	.09	18	64

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Algiers	s	30	86	Cologne	th	20	68
Amstrdm	s	19	66	Copenhgn	f	16	61
Athens	s	27	81	Dublin	f	15	59
Barcelona	s	25	77	Edinbrgh	c	14	57
Beirut	s	30	86	Funchal	s	23	73
Belfast	f	17	63	Geneva	f	20	68
Berlin	f	20	68	Gibraltar	s	[illegible]	[illegible]
Biarritz	s	21	70	Guernsey	f	16	61
Brmnghm	s	19	66	Helsinki	f	15	59
Bristol	c	17	63	Innsbruck	f	18	64
Brussels	s	19	66	Jersey	f	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cardiff	c	17	63	Las Plms	s	25	77

		C	F			C	F
Lisbon	s	25	77	Oslo	s	23	73
London	f	21	70	Paris	c	19	66
Luxembrg	f	17	63	Reykjavik	c	12	54
Madrid	s	27	81	Rome	s	28	82
Majorca	s	27	81	Ronldswy	s	15	59
Malaga	s	28	82	Stockhlm	f	19	66
Malta	s	27	81	Tel Aviv	s	29	84
Manchstr	c	17	63	Venice	s	26	79
Moscow	s	20	68	Vienna	f	26	79
Munich	f	16	61	Warsaw	r	15	59
Nice	s	28	82	Zurich	s	18	64

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Bigger role proposed for housing groups

By Our Local Government Correspondent

Housing associations be given a bigger and clearly defined role, provided with more mo help to tackle Britain's h needs, according to a published yesterday.

That should be done t the Housing Corporatio report, published by a housing association, Stud operative Dwellings, said

The report pointed o Britain's 3,700 housing tions, described by suc governments as the arm" in housing provisio produced only 1.4 per all dwellings built since

Commenting on th Housing Act, one of the which is to help the vo housing movement, the said it is not enough f liament to make new available.

The success of the ment plan depended ul on how discretionary were used, and part what support housing tions received from loc orities in acquiring la property, and obtainin and subsidies.

The authors argued most housing association the same type of peopl same type of accommod local authorities, many h simply use housing asso as an extension of th housing departments, others see them as unn duplication or competi

The report concluded Government must do m pump money into the v housing movement. "Tl ing Corporation should housing association m as a quite distinct com to local authority rent ing and to individual occupied housing.

"It should be disti by an overall aim of categories of people no by the two main agenc viding alternative fo tenure, and, through th of the corporation, sources of capital n directly invested in hou

On finance, the auth that housing association be able to take advar fresh sources of capit as a proportion of lif ance assets or pensic assets.

London Boroughs and Associations (Student tive Dwellings, 381 K Lane, London SE11. 63p

Candidates name

The following parlia prospective candidate named yesterday:

Mr Wally Dewsnip, unionist, Liberal, for T kin, held by Labour majority of 6,521. Mr Young, an accountant, vative for Rochdale Labour with a maj 8,899.

Correction

A report on August 2 st St Luke's Parochial Chur cil, London, had opposed tion by Kensington Borou cil to site the Katyn Mer St Luke's Gardens. In church council passed a r that the memorial might l sited elsewhere, but did no the application. The vi called to prove the re Miss Sheila Cameron appe for the church council but Archdeacon of Middlesex, tervened at the Chancello tation.

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IOME NEWS

ncrease of up to 38% n grants for ostgraduate students

Grant increases ranging from per cent to 38 per cent were iounced by the Department Education and Science yesday for 14,000 postgraduate dents. From September se living away from home l have their grants increased 27 per cent from £695 to 0, a rise of £185.

ondon postgraduate students e even better, with a 38 per it rise of £265 a year, from present £695 to £960.

he increases will add £2.5m the annual postgraduate nt bill of £16m and bring tgraduates into line with the m award to undergraduates May.

ostgraduates living at home to get a 22 per cent inase, from £540 to £660, and rried women postgraduate dents have their grant inased from £445 to £660.

he announcement brought a ed response from the ional Union of Students, ch has maintained that all tgraduate grants should be reased to £1,025 a year, with 145 in London.

Ir John Randall, the NUS sident, said: "The relief of postgraduates that this longited announcement has now n made will be tempered n concern that the NUS m has not been met in ."

le pointed out that postduates were expected to dy for a full year, adding: lany will find it difficult to ke ends meet."

le welcomed the extension to tgraduates of the special ndon allowance which underduates received in May as a ognition of the higher cost of ng there. "But the amount olved will not cover the extra t of living in the capital and we will continue to press for adequate recognition of these expenses", he said.

The NUS is also unhappy about the new system of grants for married women postgraduates, who until now have received less than single postgraduates. Their grant has been brought up to the same level, £660, but in future a husband's income will be taken into account.

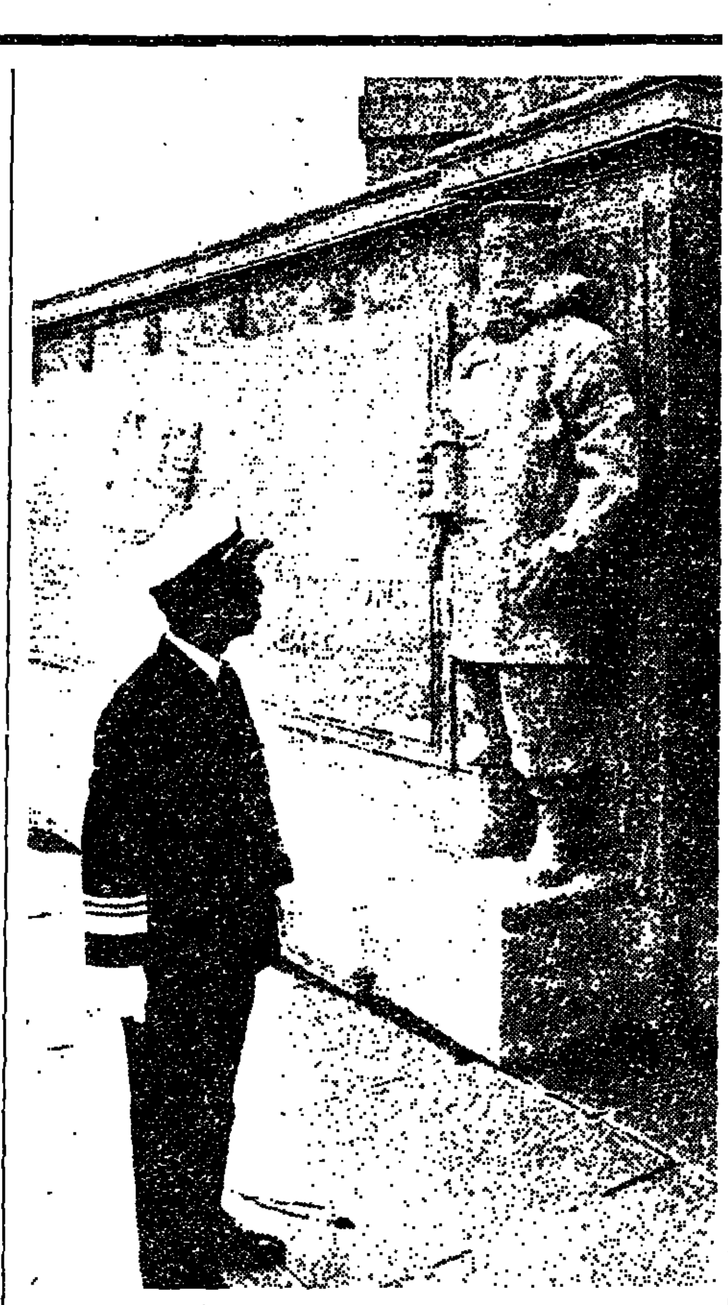
The Department of Education and Science said that the grant was unlikely to be affected if the husband's earnings were less than about £2,000; his earnings would need to be more than £3,300 before a wife's grant was reduced below the present level.

The increases announced yesterday bring the total cost of student grants in 1974-75 to £202,150,000.

Teachers' pay: A call for an overall increase of 30 per cent in teachers' pay has been made by the Scottish Secondary Teachers' Association (our Edinburgh Correspondent writes).

In evidence it has submitted to the committee of inquiry on teachers' pay the association emphasizes that the figure is based on statistics available at the end of June, this year, and that, if increases of a fifth to a third since given to other groups of workers become common, a corresponding further rise in teachers' pay will be required.

The association quotes in evidence official statistics published by the Department of Employment to prove that over the past 10 years teachers' pay has been steadily falling behind that of other groups of workers and that since 1970 the pace at which teachers have been falling behind has been rapidly accelerating.



Vice-Admiral Kunijiro Saito, a Japanese who fought the British during the last war, laying a wreath at the Royal Navy war memorial at Southsea, Hampshire, yesterday.

'ewer teachers but better education nvisaged in latest ministry plan

Sue Cameron, of e Times Educational pplement

More big cuts in the number teachers and in higher eduion are in prospect, although Department of Education l Science last night declined confirm or deny it. Senior icials in the department are lerstood to be working on a eme to allow teachers to re- earlier so that numbers can held at 488,000 after 1979. teacher target was to have n 510,000 by 1981. The detment's planners also want to the number of higher educan places in 1981 from 750,000 600,000.

These confidential proposals based on a drastic revision estimates of the school popuion. In the middle of 1971, department estimated that re would be 8,500,000 school ildren in 1987. The latest foret is that there will be only 00,000.

The drop is so great that icials believe it will be posle to make the new cuts while proving the quality of the te education service.

he first signs of the new phasis on quality rather than intity are expected at the ginning of next month when White Paper will be published. will announce the setting-up an assessment and performe unit which will try to find how many children are failto reach basic standards in reading, mathematics and English.

The unit will examine reading and numeracy tests that are being used in schools and will encourage teachers and local authorities to be more diligent in checking pupils' progress One of its first acts is likely to be the establishment of a national inquiry into arithmetic standards.

Once the permanent monitoring unit has been launched, officials of the department hope to start implementing other long-term plans for improving school standards. It is reckoned that the cuts in the number of higher education places will bring a saving of about £150m and that will be spent on buildings and on carrying out any recommendations made by the assessment and performance unit or by the Bullock committee, which is looking into the teaching of reading.

The planners also want a real improvement in teachers' pay and more teaching assistants, secretaries, and technicians in schools so that teachers can devote their full energies to the job for which they were trained.

Proposals for cutting the numbers of teachers by introducing an earlier retirement age are in the early stages but eventually all teachers might be obliged to retire at 60 unless they were given a dispensation by the department to stay on.

To begin with it is likely that some teachers will be invited to retire at 55 with the same pension that they would have received if they had stayed on until they were 65. It is understood that the department sees it the chance to rid the profession of a certain amount of dead wood. It also hopes that the cuts in the teacher target figure will make it possible to set higher standards of entry into the profession.

With the expected drop of almost a quarter in the school population, the planners say that it will be possible to improve class sizes despite fewer teachers. The figure of 6,700,000 pupils by 1987 has been calculated on the lowest possible variants but it is understood that the department is using that as a basis for policy planning.

Teachers' organizations welcome the possibility of earlier retirement but strongly oppose to any further cuts in the teacher target figure.

Mr Edward Britton, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that it was impossible to make any accurate predictions about pupil numbers in 1987.

"Even if it were possible to make accurate forecasts there would still be no good reason for cutting teacher numbers," he said. "These cuts are based on the assumption that there are already sufficient teachers to provide an ideal pupil-teacher ratio. This is just not true."

Eighth man on bomb charges

Anthony James Madigan, aged 19, unemployed, appeared at Birmingham Magistrates' Court, yesterday, charged with conspiracy to cause explosions. He was remanded in custody until Wednesday when seven other men will appear on a similar charge.

Mr Madigan, of Villa Street, Lozells, Birmingham, is charged with conspiring with the seven and others between August 1, last year, and August 3, this year, to cause explosions in Birmingham and elsewhere.

Guns case remand

Barry Robinson, aged 33, of Norburn Road, Longsight, Manchester, was further remanded in custody until Thursday at Congleton, Cheshire, yesterday, charged with burglary and stealing guns, ammunition and a knife at Congleton.

Augustus John's loves

Augustus John, though long out of fashion, occupies a central role in British art. Tomorrow *The Sunday Times* continues Michael Holroyd's frank account of the artist. Although John married Ida Nettleship, a fellow student, at 22, he later met another woman who was to haunt him for 60 years. It was a crisis to which his wife found a remarkable solution.

Ir George Raft arred from ntering Britain

Ir George Raft, aged 78, the mer Hollywood film actor, again been refused permisn to visit Britain, it was closed yesterday. The nister who took the decision, Jenkins was also Home retary in 1967 when he decil to expel the actor from this intry.

Ir Raft wanted to pay a visit Britain later this year to ist in the promotion of his graphy.

he Home Office said yester: "We had an approach on behalf to be allowed to come o the country and the Home retary has decided his prece in the country still would be conducive to the public d."

lo official reason was given terday as to why his presence uld not be welcomed. But, in rch 1967, Mr Jenkins iounced that eight American zens had been declared "proited immigrants" during the vious 12 months because of ir alleged connexion with me and gambling.

Ie refused to say then exactly y he had banned Mr Raft, o was, at that time, host of Colony Club Casino, in keley Square, London. In 71 a new appeal to work in itain was rejected by the me Secretary, Mr Maudling. Mr Raft's publishers, W. H. len, of Hill Street, Mayfair, d he was "bitterly dispointed" by the latest refusal grant him admission even for emporary two-week visit.

When he was originally rred from entering Britain, Raft was on holiday in Calinia. There was, at that time, reasing pressure on the vernment to keep a check on mbling and there was partilar concern over the amount American interest in London ıbs.

risoner climbs down

John Ellis-Gunn, aged 20, iled for 18 months for rglary in May, yesterday ded a 24-hour rooftop demonration at Stafford prison to otest his innocence.

Journal attacks 'breach of voting secrecy'

By Our Legal Correspondent

The law allowing members of the public to know whether someone has voted in a general election should be changed, the latest issue of the *Law Journal* says in an editorial article.

"In our view it constitutes a breach of the secrecy of the ballot box. That secrecy ought to apply not only to how a man has voted, but also to whether he has voted", the journal says.

It points out that although ballot papers are stored in conditions of secrecy and require a High Court order to inspect, anyone can, on request, inspect the marked registers which show who has or has not voted.

"In these days of disillusion with most, if not all, politicians, abstention from voting may be regarded as a legal, positive and effective voting stance", the journal adds. It was an anomaly that that voting stance should be public.

British Rail defends move of 300 staff to London

By Michael Baily

Transport Correspondent

British Rail admitted yesterday that its proposal to move its East Anglian headquarters with 300 employees to London from Norwich was contrary to government policy, but it said that reorganization needs should override regional planning considerations.

Despite personal representations from Mr John Garrett, Conservative MP for Norwich, South, Mr Richard Marsh, chairman of British Rail, has refused to modify the plan.

Under British Rail's present territorial reorganization, the existing five regions are being changed into eight territories. Eastern Region will become three territories: Anglia (based in London and covering London to the Wash); Yorkshire (based in York); and North-East (based in Newcastle upon Tyne).

British Rail said yesterday: "The Anglia territory covers traffic mainly in east and north-east London and although we acknowledge that moving from Norwich to London is against government policy, we felt the headquarters had to be close to the main freight and passenger movements."

Many more staff would have been affected if the present headquarters in London had been moved out. Neither Norwich, Ipswich nor Colchester could have provided the office space for the 1,500 needed, British Rail said.

Staff at Norwich have protested at the move because it is contrary to government policies and because it means higher housing and travel costs for those affected.

Mr Garrett, however, said: "After an hour-long discussion Mr Marsh told me there was no question of British Rail going back on its decision."

Unison not private army, general says

By Martin Huckerby

The Unison organization is concerned solely with civil assistance and does not remotely resemble a private army, General Sir Walter Walker said in a statement released yesterday.

The organization was "a backup of entirely civilian volunteers" who would be ready to give every possible assistance to the legitimate authorities "in the event of a breakdown of essential services and/or law and order", he said.

In the statement, which is being sent to people interested in joining Unison, Sir Walter, who was Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces Northern Europe, until he retired two years ago, listed the tasks volunteers might undertake in a crisis They included maintenance of essential services, search and rescue, security of property, and nursing and first aid.

"Any form of weapon, uniform, headgear or armband is strictly taboo", he said.

"At the present stage the first priority of Unison is to select local controllers, whose immediate task will be to compile a register of trustworthy citizens whose unswerving allegiance and loyalty is to the Crown and who have a high respect for law and order."

The qualifications of each person would be recorded in the form of their technical and non-technical skills so that immediate assistance could be provided to the legitimate authorities "at the drop of a hat".

It was vital for local controllers to institute "watertight vetting and screening procedures to ensure that there can be no infiltration by members of the growing number of extremist groups, not overlooking those on the extreme right also".

Sir Walter listed the immediate priorities for each Unison location as

Controller and minimum staff, avoiding the temptation of "more chiefs than Indians";

Positive vetting;

Compilation of registers of volunteers; and

Research to keep abreast of current events and to collate and prepare briefing material and so forth.

The types of civil assistance tasks listed, and he said there could well be others, were: Public relations, clerical duties and watchkeeping, technicians to maintain essential services, medical, cooking (including meals on wheels), communications, driving heavy and light vehicles, providing emergency accommodation, administration, security of property, and search and rescue.

He said the organization had come about "because the silent majority has decided at last to stand up and be counted".

He added: "The wreckers within are devastatingly efficient and they are raring to go. Therefore time is quite definitely not on our side. Indeed, the crunch could well occur this winter.

Sir Walter is sending the statement to about five hundred people who have written to or telephoned him with offers of support.

WEST EUROPE

M Giscard d'Estaing gives French farmers a pledge that EEC will be pressed for new price increases

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Aug 9

President Giscard d'Estaing has promised French farmers that he will ask the EEC countries to agree a fresh round of agricultural price increases this autumn, Mr Christian Bonnet, the Agricultural Minister, said here today. He had taken part in a two-hour meeting between the President and farmers' leaders at the Elysée.

If the measures eventually agreed in Brussels are not satisfactory from the point of view of the French farmers, the Minister went on, France will take further national measures to those already adopted by Paris last month. Some of these, such as the special subsidies to dairy and pig meat farmers, have been alleged by the Brussels Commission to violate EEC treaty provisions.

The French president had his long awaited meeting with the farmers' leaders, angry over losses of earnings owing to higher production costs in the wake of last autumn's energy crisis, while local branches kept up the pressure on the Government with a rash of incidents and protests in agricultural regions across France.

Mr Michel Debatisse, President of the National Federation of Farmers' Unions (FNSEA), asserted afterwards that they had obtained from M Giscard d'Estaing an assurance that steps would be taken "rapidly" to maintain the level of farmers' incomes in France. According to the FNSEA, their members face a 15 per cent drop in incomes this year because of higher costs in essential items like petrol and fertilizers.

The Farmers' Union president told reporters M Giscard d'Estaing's promise France will take the initiative in the EEC to re-fix the 1975 season's prices in line with the increased costs was very important, but he also indicated his organization would be meeting in early September to keep the situation "under review".

The farmers went into the meeting demanding the right to pass on completely in prices their increased costs, but this conflicts fundamentally with the Government's anti-inflation fight, which M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, emphasized last night once again had top priority, the farmers organization say they refuse to see standards of living "sacrificed" and the identical demand was made on Wednesday on behalf of French industrial workers by M Georges Seguy, Secretary-General of the communist General Confederation of Labour.

today did warn the farmers' leaders over the acts of violence of the past few days, such as stopping imports of farming produce entering France. France as the second exporting country in the world risked provoking a "violent reaction" by countries to whom she in turn exported, he said (German Farmers earlier this week in the Saar took such action against French imports).

Agricultural items at present account for about 20 per cent of France's total exports and the Government wants to increase this figure to offset the balance of payments deficit due to higher oil prices.

The French Socialist and Communist Parties have already called for a special session of Parliament, and are backing the farmers' protests. The Communists even advocate the physical stopping of meat imports quite demagogically to embarrass the new French Administration.

The Prefect of the Gard Department today warned local authorities that they would have to pay for damage done to products by protesting farmers and a court in northern France gave light sentences to two farmers who last month sought to take a Gaullist deputy temporarily prisoner.

Amid today's incidents police intervened near Calais to separate butchers and local farmers in a dispute about slaughtering meat which the farmers wished to sell at "knock-down" prices to publicize their cause. More than 100 farmers today also protested outside M Chirac's château in the Correze.

Russia's computers are best at chess

From Roger Choate
Stockholm, Aug 9

Early today, in a smoky Stockholm auditorium crammed with computers and chess devotees, Mr Robert Maxwell of Pergamon Press presented the Maxwell Gold Medal to the leader of the Russian team which won the world's first International Computer Chess Championship.

The medal, valued at £500, was donated by him to assist the organizers of the championship, in which whirring machines from eight countries were pitted against each other.

The week-long event was sponsored by the International Federation for Information Processing in an attempt to see if computerized chess "can lead to a better understanding of how human intelligence works, and how man can better harness the computer". Mr Maxwell said.

The computers—which of course are programmed by human beings—are lousy chess players, according to Mr David Levy, the British international Grand Master who was host at the proceedings.

In the final match, the Russian team led by Dr Mikhail Donskoy beat the United States team headed by Professor Monroe Newborn, of Columbia University, only because the Russian programmers had committed fewer mistakes than the Americans.

Match play was simple in conception. When the American computer, for instance, ordered a move made on a huge chessboard in the auditorium, the Russian controller would feed the American move into his machine. It would then respond with a move of its own.

Chess programming is a primitive art. Mr Levy said. The computers would sometimes make moves which were frankly idiotic.

In computer play the machines tend to attack whenever possible, regardless of the consequences.

So unimpressed is Mr Levy with the machines that he has placed a bet of £1,000 with two artificial intelligence professors that no computer can be programmed before March, 1978, to beat him in a match.

We received further reassurance from a Swedish chess expert. He noted that to be able to beat a human being at chess, the computer would have to be programmed to allow for mistakes by the human player, with the range of possible blunders being almost infinite.

Mr Maxwell said he was terribly relieved that man can still prevail at chess, but he had decided to donate a medal to dispel notions that computerized chess was a childish and unproductive pastime.

Cabinet booed at funeral of train bomb victims

From Our Correspondent
Milan, Aug 9

A crowd of about 300,000 people that filled the Piazza Maggiore and the adjoining streets at Bologna today booed and hissed when President Leone, Signor Rumor, the Prime Minister, and other members of the Government left the Basilica of St Petronio.

They had attended the funeral service for ten victims of the bomb that exploded on a passenger train between Florence and Bologna last Sunday.

With them were the president of the Constitutional Court, the leaders of all democratic parties, delegations from both Houses of Parliament and from the trade unions and other authorities.

The Archbishop of Bologna, Cardinal Poma, celebrated the Office of the Dead in the Basilica and read a message from Pope Paul. The official oration was delivered in the square outside by Signor Renato Zangheri, the communist mayor of Bologna.

The crowd burst into applause when he invited the Government to take stronger action against the neo-fascist attempts to destroy the Italian democracy.

There was no funeral procession. After the ceremony the ten coffins were taken in private to the railway station or to the cemetery. Two other victims of the bomb were buried yesterday after their families expressed the wish that there should be no public ceremony.

It is feared that there might be a thirteenth victim because a woman, aged 67, who boarded the train at Rome on Saturday night is missing. Three of the bodies buried today could not be identified. They are believer to be of foreign tourists, one of them Japanese.

After today's service Signor Leone visited the seven injured in hospital. One is said to be in a serious condition.

Police today released one of the three young men arrested on suspicion of being involved in the bombing of the train.

Another United supporter on remand in Bruges

Bruges, Aug 9.—Peter Brunt, aged 22, a British football supporter who was stabbed during incidents at Ostend last weekend before a friendly match between Manchester United and Ostend, was remanded in custody for a month by a court here today.

Mr Brunt, from Camberley, Surrey, has been charged with using violence to destroy property, an offence which in Belgium carries a maximum sentence of three years' jail.

Five other Manchester United supporters were charged with the same offence at Bruges earlier this week and were also remanded in custody for a month. They are expected to face trial early in September.

Also remanded in custody for one month today on a charge of wounding was Marc Van Brabant, a Belgian waiter, aged 21. He is alleged to have stabbed Mr Brunt in the arm in a fight after a group of Manchester United supporters went on the rampage in Ostend last Saturday.

The examining magistrate, Mr Marcel Laurens, who is dealing with the case, said that all seven were being remanded in custody because a great deal of damage had been caused during the Ostend incidents. He estimated damage at more than £2,000 and said police were drawing up a detailed inventory.

Mr Laurens said the six British defendants could be released on provisional liberty if the British consul in Ostend paid for the damage in advance. The consul had not offered to pay so far, and the six had not requested bail.—Reuter.

Mr Panaghoulis to return home

Rome, Aug 9.—Alexandros Panaghoulis, who was once sentenced to death for plotting to assassinate Mr George Papadopoulos, the former Greek leader, said today he plans to return to Greece next week.

Mr Panaghoulis, who has lived in Italy since he was amnestied last October, said in a statement here: "Our underground struggle is finished. I hope there will never be a need for it to start again."—Reuter.

Greece bitter at apparent support for Turkey

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Aug 9

Greece's bargaining power in the Cyprus crisis has been restricted by two objective factors: the inability of the Greek Airforce to supply adequate air cover to operations in Cyprus, and Britain's categorical rejection of any suggestion for a joint Greek-British intervention in Cyprus to stop the Turks.

This suggestion was based on the theory that Britain's role as a guarantor power implied a duty rather than a privilege, and that Britain should join in military action to restore the status quo ante in Cyprus.

British diplomatic sources, commenting on reports that Greece might seek such effective British cooperation in order to stem the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, said: "This is a ludicrous suggestion. The guarantor powers are not meant to fight each other but to cooperate. This is what we are trying to do in Geneva."

There is rising bitterness in Greece because the United States and Britain are suspected of having sided with Turkey. Two Athens dailies well known for their obsessive anti-communism suggested in leading articles today that if Greece could no longer count on the West for support ,it should turn to the East.

Estia, an ultra-conservative daily, openly spoke of siding with the Soviet Union "if she will guarantee our territorial integrity". This was a stunning reversal of policy for the nefspaper.

Earlier Mr Glafkos Clerides, the acting President of Cyprus, who arrived in Athens overnight, conferred with Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister. "We shall wage a hard and decisive struggle to defend the interests of the Greek Cypriots", he said. Asked about the internal situation in Cyprus he added: "There are always internal difficulties. We hope to overcome them."

This was clearly an allusion armed Eoka B men who demonstrated their opposition to Mr Clerides's Cabinet reshuffle yesterday by occupying government buildingsand mounting armed patrols in the main cities of Cyprus in a show of force. They were dispersed after an intervention by General Karyiannis, the Athens-appointed new chief of the Cyprus National Guard.

While the Cyprus crisis is the focus of public attention and misgivings here, the new Greek Government is swiftly consolidating its position within the armed forces, the only recognized force that could unseat it.

A new legislative decree signed by President Ghizikis restored to the Minister of Defence the right to transfer all officers. Under the dictatorship it was the service councils which had almost absolute powers to post officers. It was this selective power that had ensured the survival of the years.

Under the new law all top command posts, including incumbents for the command of army groups, the fleet and the tactical air force will be appointed by the Supreme Council of National Defence, consisting of the Prime Minister, five ministers and the Commander-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief, three service chiefs and the army corps commanders are to be nominated exclusively by the Council of Ministers. This is the first time since 1967 that the Greek military leadership has been properly subjected to government control.

Representatives of Greek shipowenrs called of Mr Karamanlis yesterday and informed him that within one week they proposed to donate to the Government a sum of £30m to assist the nation.

Greek shipowners have enjoyed a privileged status under the dictatorship, including almost total tax immunity.

Prince Juan Carlos holds his first Cabinet meeting

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Aug 9

Prince Juan Carlos, acting Head of State and designated future King of Spain, presided over his first Cabinet meeting today in El Pardo Palace on the outskirts of Madrid.

General Franco, aged 81, who is seriously ill, remained in his private quarters a few yards away in the same palace while the prince, aged 36, sat in the old dictator's chair at the head of the Cabinet table.

It was perhaps a significant date in what many Spaniards have now come to consider to be the beginning of the post-Franco era. Yet most Spaniards were more interested in Mr Nixon's resignation. So far no statement has been issued suggesting that events in Washington were on the agenda of today's Spanish Cabinet session.

Señor Carlos Arias, the tough right-wing Prime Minister, called a private meeting of the Cabinet yesterday to discuss the decrees which were presented to the Prince for his signature today.

The preliminary ministerial meeting, which has been customary during the past few years since General Franco's health began to fail, lasted an unusually long 14 hours. But neither the Prime Minister nor his colleagues had any fears that the Prince, unlike General Franco, would quibble about agreeing with their recommendations.

There were about 50 decrees and most were concerned with Spain's increasing economic difficulties. The decrees involved banking restrictions, monetary policy, industrial development and the amalgamation of the three oil refineries controlled by the National Industrial Institute, as well as Spain's vital tourist industry.

There are growing doubts in Madrid about the accuracy of the regular optimistic medical bulletins on General Franco's health. When he left the Madrid clinic on July 30, reportedly after his medical team had decided that surgery would be impossible in his case, it was stated that he would go to Galicia for a period of convalescence after a few days' rest in El Pardo.

But he remains in his Madrid palace and there are unofficial reports that his condition has worsened and that new medical consultants have been called in.

In an apparent attempt to dispel such speculations, the semi-official Spanish news agency Cifra reported today that at the end of the Cabinet meeting General Franco appeared in the palace gardens to shake hands with the Prince, Señor Arias and the ministers.

EEC acts to avert mushroom 'mountain'

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Aug 9

The threat of a "mushroom mountain" has prompted the European Community to restrict imports from the Far East. According to EEC officials private stocks of tinned mushrooms totalled some 20,000 tons during the first half of the year.

The surplus was caused by a 50 per cent increase in imports from China, South Korea and Taiwan at prices up to 30 per cent lower than in the Community.

Hazards on the roads to Berlin

From Gretel Spitzer
Berlin, Aug 9

A total of 221 people are known to have been arrested on transit routes to Berlin by the East Germans since June, 1972, when the agreement easing travel restrictions came into force, Herr Heinz Morgenstern, Under Secretary of State for Inter-German Relations, said today.

In almost all instances, he said, the reason given by East Germany was that the people were suspected of misusing the routes. A total of 128 were charged with having tried to smuggle East Germans out of the country and 72 with having helped in escapes or with leaving the transit routes, which is forbidden.

Those taken to court were kept in custody for between two weeks and 11 months before being tried. The average prison sentences, calculated on the basis on those which became known in West Germany, was six years and nine months.

Today ADN, the East German news agency, announced the prison term for the forty-fifth person since July 11 to be convicted of misuse of the transit agreement and of acting "on behalf of criminal man-trafficking gangs". Herr Uwe Neumann, of West Berlin, was sentenced to three years and six months by the Halle district court.

The "Bund der Mitteldeutschen", an organization of former East Germans, today reminded the delegates at the Geneva conference on security and cooperation in Europe of the building of the Berlin wall in August, 1961. It appealed to them to insist on freedom of movement and on an end of shootings at the wall and the fortified borders.

A refugee today told the West German authorities about a new installation along the East German borders designed to warn the guards when a refugee approaches the area. It was a form of magnetic field, he said.

Mr Wilson hopes for friendly and constructive approach

Mr Wilson, in a message last night to President Ford, said he looked forward to working with him in a spirit of "warm friendship and constructive endeavour". The Prime Minister and the new President have not met.

The message said: "Dear Mr President, please accept my best wishes on your assumption of the great office of the Presidency of the United States. The problems of peace and economic well-being are more daunting and complex than at any time since 1945.

"I am confident that the United States and Britain, together with their partners in the Western Alliance will demonstrate the purpose and determination necessary to resolve them.

"I look forward to working with you in the spirit of warm friendship and constructive endeavour in which our two Governments are accustomed to approach their common problems."

Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the former Conservative Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary, said: "President Nixon left his personal stamp on international affairs and over the past few years can claim some important successes.

"His foreign policy was one of reconciliation from a foundation of strength. He was, therefore, a strong protagonist of the Nato alliance and recognized the absolute need for America to do nothing which could upset the delicate balance of power between East and West. He took no risks with international security but he was responsible for breaking through the barriers which separated China from the West. "The people of the West owe him a lot".

Mr Thorpe, the Liberal leader, said yesterday that Mr Nixon's "personal tragedy" should not be allowed to obscure his success in foreign affairs.

"It is right that he should go, and it is a sign of the strength of the democratic process in America that this has happened."

Dublin: Mr Jack Lynch, the former Irish Prime Minister, described Mr Nixon as a man of great ability who had carried the world's most burdened political office "with courage and initiative".

He said: "He will be remembered for his foreign policy in which the promotion of international understanding and peace was the first priority and which he advanced with much success. It is tragic that a great political career was marred and terminated by Watergate."

Paris: M Michel Jobert, the former French Foreign Minister, yesterday praised President Nixon as a man who "admitted the reality of a French policy on the international scene". More than any other American President, Mr Nixon "was favourably disposed towards our country".

"Right up to the end, he sought success for himself and power for his country on the international scene. He is far from having failed and I think the Americans will realize that very quickly."

President Giscard D'Estaing sent a telegram to President Ford expressing his conviction that the two nations would continue that "confident cooperation in their common interests and with the aim of reinforcing peace".

He expressed his "most sincere wishes for the success of your high mission", and recalled the many "ancient and close ties of friendship" between the two nations and people.

Bonn: The spokesman for the West German Government said yesterday that the Government trusted the traditionally good cooperation between the governments of the two States to continue without any changes.

Herr Karl Carstens, floor leader of the CUD-CSU, spoke of Mr Nixon's achievements in South-East Asia, the Middle East, central Europe and Berlin.

Rome: President Giovanni Leone, of Italy, sent a farewell message to Mr Nixon yesterday with praise for his efforts to maintain world peace. "In the moment in which you leave the Presidency of the United States of America, I want to send you my salutation, remembering with pleasure the meetings I have had with you", he said.

Shock and bewilderment in the Soviet Union

By Our Foreign Staff

Shock, concern and bewilderment greeted the news in Russia yesterday of Mr Nixon's fall. Bewilderment seemed the uppermost emotion as the fact of the resignation filtered through to the public consciousness, spread by terse radio bulletins.

The first Soviet Government reaction emphasized the continuity of detente, regardless of shifts inside the American political system. Mr Viktor Matveev, political commentator of the Government daily *Izvestia* said that however sharp the internal American political struggle, there could be no return to the cold war.

Peking: The thought uppermost in Chinese minds is not whether Mr Nixon did right or wrong over Watergate, but whether his departure will endanger the Washington-Peking detente he procured during his historic visit to China two years ago.

While the Chinese give credit to Mr Nixon for initiating the new relationship with Peking, the man even more important to them is Dr Henry Kissinger.

Tel Aviv: Mr Rabin, the Prime Minister, said he did not think the change in United States leadership would mean alteration of American policy towards Israel, which, he added, should express its gratitude to Mr Nixon for his assistance and understanding.

Mrs Golda Meir, the former Prime Minister, almost echoed Mr Rabin in describing Mr Nixon as a faithful friend of Israel and said that in his difficult hour she wanted him to know "that we do not forget and will not forget".

Mr Nixon with his wife and daughter Tricia beside him, prepares to make his farewell address to the White House staff

Mr Ziegler departs praising the press

Washington, Aug 9.—Mr Ronald Ziegler, Mr Nixon's press secretary, bowed out last night with an accolade for the diversity and strength of the American free press.

In an emotional valedictory from the podium in the White House press centre where he had stood under fire so often in the past five years and a half, Mr Ziegler told reporters: "We've been through many difficult times together and historic times. Whatever our differences, I know there are no simple answers.

"I take away a deep sense of respect for the diversity and strength of this country's freedom of expression and for all of you in the press.

"It's been an honour to be here", he added, his voice breaking. "I've been proud to be President Nixon's press secretary. I've tried to be professional and I've never underestimated the energy or intelligence that the news media brings to its job."

Mr Ziegler was the youngest press secretary in White House history.

In April, 1973, when Mr Nixon forced the resignations of his two leading aides, Mr H. R. Haldeman and Mr John Ehrlichman as Watergate began to unravel, Mr Ziegler had to come out and tell reporters that everything he had said on Watergate for the past 10 months was "inoperative".

The word "inoperative" stuck with him the rest of the way.

Official Washington reacted with more relief than sorrow at Mr Nixon's resignation and expressed hopes that Mr Ford would restore confidence in government and get on with the fight against inflation.

Senator Edward Brooke, who had been one of the first Republicans to call for Mr Nixon's resignation, said that if Mr Ford "is able to curb inflation and improve the economy and if he continues the Nixon-Kissinger foreign policy, no Democrat will be able to defeat him in 1976 because the country will be so grateful".

Rabbi Baruch Korff, who headed the Committee for Fairness to the President, and became a kind of spiritual adviser to Mr Nixon, said today his fairness movement will continue despite the President's resignation. Mr Nixon had been wrongfully accused of great evils, Rabbi Korff said.

Vence, France, Aug 9.—Mr Alger Hiss, convicted in 1948 in connexion with a communist spy ring after accusations by Mr Nixon, then a Congressman, said today that Mr Nixon's resignation "can be the beginning of a new era of justice" in the United States.

"I would hope that this resignation will not diminish our peoples' search for truth which should continue without interruption", a statement from Mr Hiss, on holiday here, said.

Montreat, North Carolina, Aug 9.—Dr Billy Graham, the evangelist, who was a frequent figure at the White House during the Nixon years, said tonight that the outgoing President "deserves the prayers of even those who feel betrayed and let down".

"I shall always consider him a personal friend", he added. "His personal suffering must be almost unbearable".—UPI, Agence France Presse, Reuter.

Mr Ford gives America a compact in his first 'little straight talk'

Washington, Aug 9.—The following is the text of President Ford's speech at the White House today, after taking the oath of office

Mr Chief Justice, my dear friends, my fellow Americans.

The oath I have taken is the same oath that was taken by George Washington and by every President under the constitution. But I assume the Presidency under extraordinary circumstances never before experienced by Americans. This is an hour of history that troubles our minds and hurts our hearts.

Therefore, I feel it is my first duty to make an unprecedented compact with my countrymen. Not an inaugural address, not a fireside chat, not a campaign speech. Just a little straight talk among friends. I intend it to be the first of many.

I am acutely aware that you have not elected me as your President by your ballots. So I ask you to confirm me as your President with your prayers. And I hope that such prayers will also be the first of many.

If you have not chosen me by secret ballot, neither have I gained office by secret promises. I have not campaigned either for the Presidency or the Vice-Presidency. I have not subscribed to any partisan platform, I am indebted to no man and only to one woman—my dear wife Betty—as I begin the most difficult job in the world.

I have not sought this enormous responsibility, but I will not shirk it, any more than I did the sudden summons to the second office of our Government only eight months ago.

Those who nominated and confirmed me as Vice-President were and are my friends. They were of both parties, elected by all the people, and acting under the Constitution in their name.

It is only fitting, then, that I should pledge to them and to you that I will be the President of all the people.

Thomas Jefferson said the people are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty. And down the years Abraham Lincoln renewed this American article of faith, asking: "Is there any better or equal hope in the world?"

I intend, on Monday next, to request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, of the President *pro tempore* of the Senate the privilege of appearing before the Congress to share with my former colleagues and with you, the American people, my views on the priority business of the nation, and to solicit your views and theirs.

Even though this is late in an election year, there is no way we can go forward except together, and no way anybody can win except by serving the people's urgent needs. We cannot stand still or slip backwards. We must go forward, now, together.

To the peoples and the governments of all friendly nations, and I hope that could encompass the whole world, I pledge an uninterrupted and sincere search for peace. America remains strong and united but its strength will remain dedicated to the safety and sanity of the entire family of man as well as to our own precious freedom.

I believe that truth is the glue that holds government together. Not only our government but civilization itself. That bond is unbroken at home and abroad. In all my public and private acts as your President. I expect to follow my instincts of openness and candour with full confidence that honesty is always the best policy in the end.

My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over. Our constitution works.

Our great republic is a government of laws and not of men. Here, the people rule.

But there is a higher power, by whatever name we honour him, who ordains not only righteousness but love, not only justice but mercy.

As we bind up the internal wounds of Watergate, more painful and more poisonous than those of foreign wars, let us restore the golden rule to our political process. And let brotherly love purge our hearts of suspicion and of hate.

In the beginning, I asked you to pray for me. Before closing I ask again your prayers, for Richard Nixon and for his family. May our former President, who brought peace to millions, find it for himself. May God bless and comfort his wonderful wife and daughters, whose love and loyalty will for ever be a shining legacy to all who bear the lonely burdens of the White House.

I can only guess at those burdens, although I have witnessed at close hand the tragedies that befell three Presidents and the lesser trials of others.

With all the strength and all the good sense I have gained from life, with all the confidence of my family, my friends and my dedicated staff impart to me, and with the good will of countless Americans I have encountered in recent visits to 40 States, I now solemnly reaffirm my promise I made to you last December 6; to uphold the Constitution, to do what is right as God gives me to see the right and to do the very best I can for America.

God helping me, I will not let you down. Thank you.—Reuter.

Yevtushenko poem honours détente

Moscow, Aug 9.—The cold war is a thing of the past, according to the controversial Russian poet Yevgeni Yevtushenko in a new poem published today.

The 54-line poem entitled "International détente" appeared in *Izvestia* as President Nixon was resigning in Washington.

In jaunty iambic verse the poet, who is 41, declared that the cold war had "had it".

He depicted the cold war as an old crone, with whom Russians and Americans had now thankfully settled accounts, and urged: "Throw wide the windows, open the panes to fresh air."

At one point in the poem, however, Yevtushenko gave warning that the hand of cold war "still sometimes lifts its coffin lid". But the poet pictured a time when "Russians and foreigners stand by the eternally lit flame in honour of the unknown soldier".—Reuter.

Full text of televised resignation speech

Following is the full text of President Nixon's televised resignation statement, which was published in later editions of *The Times* yesterday.

Good evening. This is the 37th time I have spoken to you from this office where so many decisions have been made that shape the history of this nation.

Each time I have done so to discuss with you some matter that I believe affected the national interest. In all the decisions I have made in my public life I have always tried to do what was best for the nation.

Throughout the long and difficult period of Watergate I have felt it was my duty to persevere, to make every possible effort to complete the term of office to which you elected me.

In the past few days, however, it has become evident to me that I no longer have a strong enough political base in the Congress to justify continuing that effort.

As long as there was such a base I felt strongly that it was necessary to see the constitutional process through to its conclusion, that to do otherwise would be unfaithful to the spirit of that deliberately difficult process and a dangerously destabilizing precedent for the future.

But with the disappearance of that base I now believe that the constitutional purpose has been served and there is no longer a need for the process to be prolonged.

I would have preferred to carry through to the finish, whatever the personal agony it would have involved, and my family unanimously urged me to do so.

But the interest of the nation must always come before anyone's personal considerations.

From the discussions I have had with congressional and other leaders I have concluded that because of the Watergate matter I might not have the support of the Congress that I would consider necessary to back the very difficult decisions and carry out the duties of this office the way the interests of the nation require.

I have never been a quitter. To leave office before my term is completed is abhorrent to every instinct in my body and, as President, I must put the interest of America first.

America needs a full-time President and a full-time Congress, particularly at this time with problems we face at home and abroad. To continue to fight for the months ahead for my personal vindication would almost totally absorb the time and attention of both the President and the Congress at a period when our entire focus should be on the great issues of peace abroad and prosperity without inflation at home.

Therefore, I shall resign the Presidency effective at noon tomorrow. Vice-President Ford will be sworn in as President at that hour in this office.

As I recall the high hopes for America with which we began this second term, I feel a great sadness that I will not be here in this office working on your behalf to achieve those hopes in the next two and a half years.

But in turning over the direction of the Government to Vice-President Ford I know that, as I told the nation when I nominated him for that office, the leadership of America will be in good hands.

In passing this office to the Vice-President I also do so with a profound sense of the weight of responsibility which will fall on his shoulders tomorrow and, therefore, of the understanding, of the patience, the cooperation he will need from all Americans.

As he assumes that responsibility he will deserve that help and the support of all of us.

As we look to the future, the first essential is to begin healing the wounds of this nation, to put the bitterness and divisions of the recent past behind us and to rediscover those shared ideals that lie at the heart of our strength and unity as a great and as a free people.

By taking this action, I hope that I will have hastened the start of that process of healing which is so desperately needed in America.

I regret deeply any injuries that may have been done in the course of the events that led to this decision. I would only say that if some of my judgments were wrong, and some were wrong, they were made in what I believed at the time to be in the best interest of the nation.

To those who have stood with me during these past difficult months, to my family, my friends, to many others who joined in supporting my cause because they believed it was right, I will be eternally grateful for your support.

And to those who have not felt able to give me your support, let me say I leave with no bitterness toward those who have opposed me, because all of us, in the final analysis, have been concerned with the good of the country however our judgments might differ.

So, let us all now join together in affirming that common commitment and in helping our new President succeed for the benefit of all Americans.

I shall leave this office with regret at not completing my term, but, with gratitude for the privilege of serving as your President for the past five and a half years. These years have been a momentous time in the history of our nation and the world. They have been a time of achievement in which we can all be proud, achievements which represent the shared efforts of the Administration, the Congress and the people.

But the challenges ahead are equally great and they, too, will require the support and the efforts of Congress and the people working in cooperation with the new Administration.

We have ended America's longest war, but in the work of securing a lasting peace in the world, the goals ahead are even more far-reaching and more difficult. We must complete a structure of peace so that it will be said of this generation, our generation, of Americans, by the people of all nations, not only that we ended one war, but that we prevented future wars.

We have unlocked the doors that for a quarter of a century stood between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

We must now ensure that the one-quarter of the world's people who live in the People's Republic of China will be and remain not our enemies but our friends.

In the Middle East, 100 million people in the Arab countries, many of whom have considered us their enemies for nearly 20 years, now look on us as their friends.

We must continue to build on that friendship so that peace can settle at least over the Middle East and so that the cradle of civilization will not become its grave.

Together with the Soviet Union we have made the crucial breakthroughs that have begun the process of limiting nuclear wars, but we must set as our goal not just limiting, but reducing and finally destroying these terrible weapons so that they cannot destroy civilization and so that the threat of nuclear war will no longer hang over the world and the people.

We have opened the new relationship with the Soviet Union. We must continue to develop and expand that new relationship so that the two strongest nations in the world will live together in cooperation rather than confrontation.

Around the world, in Asia, in Africa, in Latin America, in the Middle East, there are millions of people who live in terrible poverty, even starvation. We must keep as our goal, turning away from production for war and expanding production for peace so that people everywhere on this Earth can look forward in their children's time, if not in our own time, to having the necessities for a decent life.

Here in America, we are fortunate that most of our people have not only the blessings of liberty, but also the means to live full and good and, by the world's standards, even abundant lives. We must press on, however, to a goal of not only more and better jobs but of full opportunity for every American, and of what we are striving so hard right now to achieve, prosperity without inflation.

For more than a quarter of a century in public life I have shared in the turbulent history of this era. I have fought for what I believed in. I have tried to the best of my ability to discharge those duties and meet those responsibilities that were entrusted to me.

Sometimes I have succeeded and sometimes I have failed, but always I have taken heart from what Theodore Roosevelt once said about the man in the arena: "whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again because there is not effort without error and shortcoming, but who actually strives to do the deeds, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumphs of high achievements and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly".

I pledge to you tonight that as long as I have a breath of life in my body, I shall continue in that spirit. I shall continue to work for the great causes to which I have been dedicated throughout my years as a Congressman, a Senator, a Vice-President and President—the cause of peace not just for America but among all nations, prosperity, justice, and opportunity for all our people.

There is one cause above all to which I have been devoted and to which I shall always be devoted for as long as I live.

When I first took the oath of office as President five and a half years ago, I made this sacred commitment: To consecrate my office, my energies, and all the wisdom I can summon to the cause of peace among nations.

I have done my very best in all the days since to be true to that pledge. As a result of these efforts, I am confident that the world is a safer place today not only for the people of America, but for people of all nations, and that all of our children have a better chance than before of living in peace rather than dying in war.

This, more than anything, is what I hoped to achieve when I sought the Presidency. This, more than anything, is what I hope will be my legacy to you, to our country as I leave the Presidency.

To have served in this office is to have felt a very personal sense of kinship with each and every American. In leaving it, I do so with this prayer: May God's grace be with you in all the days ahead.—Reuter.

Mr Nixon salutes presidency in his farewell

Washington, Aug 9.—The following is the text of President Nixon's farewell speech in the East Room of the White House today.

Members of the Cabinet, members of the White House staff, all of our friends here, I think the record should show that this is one of those spontaneous things that we always arrange whenever the President comes in to speak and it will be so reported in the press and we don't mind, because they've got to call it as they see it.

But in our heart, in our part, believe me, it is spontaneous. You are here to say goodbye to us and we don't have a good word for it in English. The best is au revoir. We'll see you again. (Applause).

I just met with members of the White House staff, you know, those that serve here in the White House day in and day out. I asked them to do what I asked all of you to do, to the extent that you can and are, of course are requested to do so, to serve our next President as you have served me and previous Presidents, because many of you have been here for many years, with devotion and dedication.

Because this office, great as it is, can only be as great as the men and women who work for and with the President.

This house, for example. I was thinking of it as we walked down this hall and I was comparing it to some of the great houses of the world that I have been in. This isn't the biggest house. Many in most smaller countries are much bigger.

This isn't the finest house. Many, in Europe particularly, China, Asia, have paintings of great, great value, things we just don't have here, and probably will never have until we are a thousand years old or older.

But this is the best house. It's the best house because it has something far more important than numbers of people who serve, far more important than magnificent pieces of art. This house has a great heart and that heart comes from those who serve.

I was rather sorry that they did not come down. We said goodbye to them upstairs. But they're really great. And I recall after so many times I've made speeches, some of them pretty tough, you'd always come back or after a hard day, and my days have usually run rather long, I'd always get a lift from it, because I might be a little down but they always smiled.

And so it is with you. I look around here and I see so many in this staff that, you know, I should have been by your offices and shaken your hands, and loved to have talked to you and found out how to run the world. Everybody wants to tell the President what to do and, boy, he needs to be told many times, but I just haven't had the time.

But I want to know, I want you to know, that each and every one of you I know is indispensable to this Government. I am proud of this Cabinet, I am proud of all of the members who have served in our Cabinet, I am proud of our sub-Cabinet. I am proud of our White House staff.

As I pointed out last night, sure we've done some things wrong in this Administration and the top man always takes the responsibility. And I've never ducked it. But I want to say one thing—no man, or no woman, came into this Administration and left it with more of this world's goods than when he came in. No man or no woman ever profited at the public expense or the public till. That tells something about you.

Mistakes, yes, but for personal gain, never. You did what you believed in, sometimes right, sometimes wrong, and I only wish that I were a wealthy man. At the present time, I've got to find a way to pay my taxes (laughter).

And if I were I'd like to recompense you for the sacrifices that all of you have made to serve in Government, and I want you to tell this to your children, and I hope the hope the nation's children will hear it too. Something in government service that is far more important than money. It's a cause bigger than yourself, it's the cause of making this, the greatest nation in the world, the leader of the world.

Because without our leadership, the world will know nothing but war, possibly starvation, or worse, in the years ahead. With our leadership, it will know peace, it will know plenty.

We have been generous and we will be more generous in the future as we are more able to. But most important, we must be strong here, strong in our hearts, strong in our souls, strong in our beliefs, and strong in our willingness to sacrifice as you have been willing to sacrifice in a pecuniary way to serve in Government.

Something else that I'd like you to tell your young people. You know they look at Government, it's a sort of rugged life. They see the mistakes that are made, they get the impression that everybody is here for the purpose of feathering his nest. That's why I made this earlier point—not in this Administration. Not one single man or woman.

And I say to them, there are many fine careers. This country needs good farmers, good businessmen, good plumbers, good carpenters. I remember my old man. I think that they would have called him a sort of a little man, a common man. He didn't consider himself that way. Know what he was? He was a street car motorman first, then he was a farmer, and then he had a lemon ranch in California. I can assure you he sold it before they found oil on it (laughter).

And then he was a grocer. But he was a great man because he did his job and every job counts up to the hilt regardless of what happened.

Nobody will ever write a book about my mother. Well, I guess all of you would say this about your mother. My mother was a saint and I think of her, two boys dying of tuberculosis, nursing for others in order that she could take care of my older brother for three years in Arizona, and seeing them die, and when they died it was like one of her own.

Yes, she will have no books written about her. But she was a saint.

Now, however, we look into the future. I had a little quote in a speech last night from T.R. (former President Theodore Roosevelt).

As you know, I kind of like to read books. I'm not educated but I do read books and the T.R. quote was a pretty good one. Here's another one I found as I was reading on my last night in the White House.

And this quote is about a young man. He was a young lawyer in New York. He'd married a beautiful girl and they had a lovely daughter and then suddenly she died and this is what he wrote. This was in his diary.

He said: "She was beautiful in face and form and lovelier still in spirit. As a flower she grew and as a fair young flower she died. Her life had always been in the sunshine. There had never come to her a single great sorrow. None ever knew her who did not love and revere her for her bright and sunny temper and her saintly unselfishness.

"Fair, pure and joyous as a maiden, loving, tender and happy as a young wife, when she had just become a mother, when her life seemed to be just beginning and the mirror seemed so bright before her, then a strange and terrible fate came to her. And when my heart's dearest died, the light went from my life forever."

That was T.R. in his twenties. He thought the life had gone from his life for ever. But he went on.

And he not only became President, but as an ex-President he served his country, always in the arena, tempestuous, strong, sometimes right, but he was a man. And as I leave, let me say that's an example I think all of us should remember.

We think sometimes when things go the right way, we think that when we don't pass the bar exam the first time. I happened to but I was just lucky, I mean my writing was so poor that the bar examiner said: "We've just got to let the guy through". (Laughter). We think that when someone dear to us dies, we think that when we lose an election, we think that when we suffer a defeat, that all has ended.

We think, as T.R. said, that the light had left his life for ever. Not true.

It's only a beginning always. The young must know it. The old must know it. It must always sustain us. Because the greatness comes not when things go always good for you, but the greatness comes and you're really tested, when you take some knocks, some disappointments, when sadness comes. Because only if you've been in the deepest valley can you ever know how magnificent it is to be on the highest mountain.

And so I say to you on this occasion as we leave, we leave proud of the people who have stood by us and worked for us and served this country. We want you to continue to serve in Government if that is what you wish.

Always give your best, never get discouraged, never be petty, always remember others may hate you, but those who hate you don't win unless you hate them, and then you destroy yourself.

And so, we leave with high hopes, in good spirit, and with deep humility and with very much gratefulness in our hearts.

I can only say to each and every one of you, we come from many faiths, we pray perhaps to different gods, but really the same God in a sense, but I want to say for each and every one of you, not only will we always remember you, not only will we always be grateful to you, but always you will be in our hearts and in our prayers. Thank you very much. (Applause).—Reuter.

Dancing in the street outside the White House

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Aug 9

The floodlighting at th White House was particula brilliant last night. After al this is the high tourist seaso and the visitors must be ente tained. All that icy etherealis fountains and columns made unusual background to th party across the street.

To see American televisio and to read the newspape you would think that the capi and the nation were sunk i deep melancholy, regrett this tragic end to a great publ career, admiring the nobility the departing leader's sen ments and nobly forgetting that has gone before.

Not a bit of it. Everyo seems delighted. A large crow outside the White House la night celebrated the victory decency and the American Co stitution over a dishonoura Administration.

People were dancing in t street, singing, shouting che ful slogans and waving cheer banners. Some of them we smoking strange-smelling cig ettes, and Lafayette Squa across the road from the Wh House, was like Trafalg Square on VE night or Paris 1968.

Pennsylvania Avenue w closed for traffic for seve hours and people wander across the street at will. The were large numbers of pol who let everyone do his o thing without interferen When the street was clear well after midnight, to traffic through, the noise doubled as every passing sounded its horn loudly.

It was altogether symbolic the change in Government. few years ago, Mr John De has recounted, President Nix saw a solitary demonstra walking along the pavem carrying a disrespectful bann He instantly summoned "Plumbers", and Mr How Hunt rushed off to find a ga of thugs to deal with the m Mr Dean stopped him and h the demonstrator gently sent his way by an ordinary poli man.

Whenever there were a Government demonstrations Washington in the past f years, the police of the capi were on total alert to prot the President's susceptibili The "Plumbers" had the bri idea of kidnapping Dr Dan Ellsberg, the Pentagon pap case defendant, on one s occasion, but were thwarted

Last night the mood w catching. One woman, carry a banner proclaiming: " have you, Dick and Pat", enjoying herself hugely. Th was one man beating his bro and crying shame on t crowd, but his wife took h away.

The party went on into t small hours, in the mug Washington night and throu out it all the fountains play the floodlights shone and one knew what was happeni inside.

Law suspension on Mr Ehrlichman

Olympia, Washington Sta Aug 9.—The state Supre Court today suspended t former White House aide, Mr John Ehrlichman, from the pra tice of law because of his feder conspiracy conviction in co nexion with the break-in at th office of Dr Daniel Ellsber psychiatrist.—UPI.

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rael aircraft bomb ebanon for ird time in a week

Moshe Brilliant
iv, Aug 9

5 minutes this afternoon, jets blasted a tent en- ient and two buildings on eriphery of Fashaya el r in southern Lebanon. as the third air strike Tuesday when Arab infil- from Lebanon abducted yrian Druze helping to a security fence on the re line between Lebanon ne Israel-occupied Golan s.

sraeli statement said the was known as a supply and assembly point for nian guerrillas. All air- returned safely to their it added.

of the four captured who escaped and re- to Israel, said the cap- ere being led to Fashaya har when he slipped away darkness.

ut, Aug 9.—Palestinian s said an "undetermined r of Lebanese civilians injured, but there were lestinian casualties" in air raid.

houses were destroyed haya el Fukhar but the rs escaped injury by tak- uge in shelters. In simi- attacks on the region on sday two Lebanese civi- vere killed. At least 17 wounded and several were destroyed.—UPI.

ascus, Aug 9.—A United s transport aircraft d in Syria near the se border today while anti-aircraft guns were firing on Israel bombers, the Syrian Civil Aviation Authority said.

A United Nations spokesman said all nine people on board the aircraft were killed. There was a crew of five and four passengers.

He said the aircraft crashed in barren hills near Dima, about 13 miles west of Damascus on the Damascus-Beirut highway. The cause of the crash was not immediately known, he said.

The aircraft was on a flight from the Suez Canal city of Ismailia to Damascus with staff of the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF).

The Syrian Civil Aviation Authority said the Israel aircraft were fired on when they violated Syrian air space on their way to bomb Lebanon.—UPI and AP.

Beirut, Aug 9.—President Assad of Syria will visit Libya soon in "a new attempt to mediate between Libya and Egypt", informed sources said today.

Other sources said President Assad would visit Cairo soon and that he would meet King Faisal of Saudi Arabia in Syria with the hope of improving Arab relations as a whole.

President Assad is said to fear that the deterioration of relations between Libya and Egypt could have dangerous internal consequences for Syria and Egypt.—Agence France-Presse.

Détente 'exploited by foes' says Pravda

Moscow, Aug 9.—The Soviet Union today alleged that the foes of communism were trying to exploit détente to undermine socialism.

An article in *Pravda* said that although imperialism had changed its tactics since the open propaganda onslaughts of the cold war, its counter-revolutionary goal remained the same.

"The essence of such tactics are, without coming out openly against peaceful coexistence, to use the relaxation of tension to the detriment of socialism and the world revolutionary movement", *Pravda* said.

The toughness of the article, which was headed "Détente and the manoeuvres of anti-communism", contrasted with the tone of Russian press comment in recent months emphasizing the positive aspects of détente.

Although observers could see no direct link between its publication today and President Nixon's resignation, they said the article could be interpreted as a restatement of the Soviet Union's ideological position at a time of upheaval in politics in the United States.

In language which struck observers as the most uncompromising to be used in the Russian press for some time, *Pravda* said there was no question of convergence or compromise between socialism and capitalism, and that the socialist camp would stand its ground.—Reuter.

les maintains red chess l with draw

ila, Aug 9.—Anthony of Britain and Lars-Ake der of Sweden today still the lead of the World Chess Championship s they entered the sixth

es and Schneider have al scores of 4½ points at p of the table after play- a draw in 13 moves of a pening today.

have almost certainly ied for group "A" of the ionship round which on Monday.

xander Kochiev of the Union and Peter Mack st Germany settled for a for a total of 4 points and Roy Dieks of The rlands also halved his with Peter Winston of the l States to finish with 4 each. Other players 4 points are: Sergo Giar- (Argentina), Raul Henao mbia), and Slavoljub Mar- ic (Yugoslavia).—Reuter.

15 years' jail demanded for S Korean bishop

Seoul, Aug 9.—Court martial prosecutors today demanded that Mr Yun Po Sun, the former President, and Mgr Tji Haksoun, a Roman Catholic bishop, should be jailed for 15 years for alleged involvement in a student-led plot to overthrow the government, the Defence Ministry announced.

The prosecution also called for 15-year prison terms for two other prominent Government critics, the Rev Pak Hyong Kyu, a Presbyterian pastor, and Professor Kim Dong Kil of Yonsei University.

They demanded a 10-year prison sentence for Mr Kim Chan Kook, Yonsei University's Dean of Theology.

All had been charged with instigating a rebellion and violating a presidential emergency decree last April to suppress a clandestine student group which allegedly plotted violent uprisings to overthrow the Government and bring in communist rule.

Mr Yun, aged 76, was accused of having given 400,000 won (£440) to leaders of the student group, called the National Federation of Democratic Young Students, through the Rev Pak Hyong Kyu.

Informed sources said that the former President told the court martial that he gave money to students to help them stage anti-government demonstrations, but did not know of any pro-communist plot

Mgr Tji Haksoun, facing a court martial.

Mgr Tji, aged 52, was accused of handing 1m won to student leaders through Mr Kim Chi Ha, a dissident poet, on four occasions between December last year and March this year.

The bishop has claimed that he gave the money to the students for use in a "movement of right Christian justice and love".—Reuter.

ippine Muslim ls surrender

ila, Aug 9.—Two ed Muslim rebels have advantage of an amnesty urrendered to Philippine ry authorities on board a ship in the Sulu Sea.

nith policy is 'dragging odesia backwards'

Our Correspondent
ry, Aug 9

Timothy Gibbs, president e Rhodesia Party, said that if Mr Ian Smith had 49 tailor's dummies as hodesian Front candi- n the recent general elec- e would have received the mandate from the elec-

electorate was clearly for Mr Smith and not e quality of candidates, ied.

told a luncheon audience isbury that the election e finest thing that could appened to the party, be- it exposed its weaknesses rengths.

Rhodesian Front policy be summed up as a con- on of the status quo. lesson that Rhodesia be learning is that the quo in fact means that in relation to our own environment we are sliding backwards.

"Mozambique is daily becoming more of an uncertainty and Botswana's attitude is also becoming more indifferent. The South African ports are at near capacity levels, and will be quite unable to cope with Rhodesian exports if they are to be sent that way."

The worst example of Rhodesia going backwards was the population explosion that would soon reach unmanageable proportions. Mr Smith now had a mandate to solve these difficulties.

The blacks in Rhodesia were angry and disappointed over failure to gain any satisfaction of their legitimate aspirations, and extremists were jubilant.

Mr Gibbs said the Rhodesia Party which failed to win any of the 50 white seats in the July election, was to be reorganized completely.

2,000 death toll from floods in Bangladesh

Dacca, Aug 9.—At least 2,000 people have perished in floods and accompanying cholera in Bangladesh during the past five weeks, it was officially reported today.

The flood situation in Dacca, Faridpur, Pabna, Comilla and Mymensingh was reported to be still bad, but there was a slight improvement in the remaining 12 districts.—AP.

Hailé Selassie assistant under arrest

Addis Ababa, Aug 9.—Lieutenant-General Assefa Demissie, a personal assistant of Emperor Hailé Selassié of Ethiopia, is under arrest, the armed forces announced over the radio today.

General Assefa is one of two men close to the Emperor ordered by the Army to surrender by yesterday. The other, Mr Admassu Retta, the Imperial Treasurer, has still not surrendered.

The armed forces have said that both men are "enemies of the state" and that their property has been confiscated.

mons lift ban

Lake City, Utah, Aug 9. Mormon Church has said no longer prevent black becoming patrol leaders Scout troops it sponsors.

Koreans jail 26

Seoul, Aug 9.—South Korean courts martial sentenced 26 more people to jail yesterday for violating Presidential emergency decrees, the Defence Ministry announced.

uanda riot toll rises to 14

ida, Aug 9.—The Angolan y junta today announced ormation of a military keeping unit to restore in Luanda where racial ce erupted this week.

e clashes between whites lacks broke out on Tues- 14 people have died and ave been injured, police

ial violence, arson and g erupted in the suburbs uanda after groups of had demonstrated on ay for the return of arms cated by the army. Last , rioting between black hite groups resulted in 41 . More than 120 people injured.

junta said 200 "undesir- and petty criminals will nt to the São Nicolau tion camp on Saturday". were arrested by Portu- troops after taking part is week's disturbances.—

renço Marques, Aug 9.— ior member of the care- Government of Mozam- today said he hoped that no (the Mozambique Liberation Front) would play a positive role in the transitional administration to take over shortly as a first step towards total independence of the territory.

Dr Parcidio Costa, Deputy Governor in charge of economic affairs, said he hoped that Frelimo members would be included in a coalition government to be set up under the supervision of a military junta.

"This would create more understanding on both sides and would also put Frelimo to the test on how it would handle the leadership in a future independent Mozambique, if the territory should come under the Liberation Front's control", Dr Costa said.

Referring to the "economic decolonization" of Mozambique as one of the main tasks facing the future administration, Dr Costa said this could be achieved only through close cooperation between the Mozambique population and Frelimo. "Frelimo cannot do it alone, however", he added.

One of the aspects of decolonization, he predicted, would be that all commercial and industrial firms in the territory which have head offices in Lisbon would be compelled to transfer them to Mozambique.

Ownership of such firms would have to be in the hands of people who are "residents of Mozambique and actually living here".

Dr Costa conceded that the economic situation in Mozambique was "bad at the moment, particularly after a wave of strikes which almost crippled the economy in recent months, and also because only 5 per cent of the agricultural resources of this potentially rich —Agence France-Presse. territory is properly exploited".

Stockholm, Aug 9.—Sweden and Finland today announced diplomatic recognition of Guinea-Bissau as an independent African state. Other Scandinavian countries are expected to take similar action.

Guinea-Bissau, setup in what is still regarded in Lisbon as Portuguese Guinea, has applied for membership of the United Nations.—Reuter.

SPORT

Golf

Unfamiliar Sunningdale conditions cause too much defensive play

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

With one round to go, the third, the lead in the Colgate European golf tournament was taken yesterday at Sunningdale, a little diffidently, by Judy Rankin with a 73. This seeming reluctance to take command reflects the negative frame of mind into which the players have been forced by unfamiliar conditions. Defensive play, bred of fast, unfamiliar greens, is probably the root cause aided by fears of a rough which, unlike so much of the American variety, really bites.

The best that could be said of the sharp thunder shower at tea time, was that it might help to quieten the fairways which were beginning to look rather thirsty. Of the little group bunched round the lead all day, Mrs Rankin was the most impressive, although I did not see her early on when she was by no means at her best. But having reached the turn in 40, she started back with two birdies and appeared to be willing to attack the course more than those round her. This was no doubt because she had complete confidence in her driver. She has won one 36-hole tournament in America this year, but has frequently been in contention and has been running into form in recent weeks.

A good example of the problems being faced by the leading players was the toll taken by the 11th hole. It presented for many of them an entirely new shot to the green, for gone is the confidence which in their country would allow Americans to fire the ball straight at the flagstick. Anyone who has seen the effectiveness of their short game in their own country must feel here that they have not had time to adjust themselves to the hard ground. Maybe they needed longer than they had to get accustomed to a course which requires knowing. Their journey to this country was in some cases tiring after the last tournament, and it was only on Tuesday that they got a proper practice round.

Joanne Carner was in enigmatic mood. She started with one of her glorious woods to the first green, but she did not look really comfortable with her swing. At the seventh she got into the blind corner of the fairway and had no clear lie to the green. That cost her one stroke and she dropped two more at the eighth by taking three putts after being bunkered.

Angela Bonallack (left) and Jan Stephenson of Australia who yesterday both improved on their first round scores.

Then, after driving the ninth green she took three putts again, for the second time running the first one too far past. "What is she doing?" her husband aksed himself. "Is it a question of over-think, or is it just that she is up against a good course?" In any case, this largely inspirational player was not inspired, and her bad shots on the whole outweighed the good. She and her two playing partners at the tail of the field could do no better than 77 apiece.

Miss Roberts is still looking for her first victory, and the pressure may have begun to get at her. This falling away among the leaders allowed Betsy Cullen to slip into second place two strokes behind the leader with a 72. She was vastly encouraged by starting with an eagle and she did the same thing when she turned for home at the 10th. By this time, the wind had dropped completely and with a good drive running for yards that green was within reach of two good shots.

The best British score came from Carole Redford who was helped on her way by holing a little pitch to the 11th for an eagle. One stroke behind her came Angela Bonallack among others, who scored the kind of figures round the turn which we have been waiting for from some of the big American names. Holing a little chip at the seventh set her off on her birdie run; she struck a five iron close at the eighth and chipped close for two more birdies at the next two holes.

With the leaders wilting, two of the old campaigners, Miss Prentice and Sandra Haynie, the open champion, began to close the gap. Miss Prentice returned a 71—only Sharon Miller with a 70 had a better score all day—missing only the last fairway of the 18. Miss Whitworth, biggest money winner on the American tour has been troubled here, as much as anything, by her inability to find her concentration but she improved her position with a 72.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	480	5	10	463	5
2	450	5	11	295	4
3	296	4	12	415	4
4	161	3	13	178	3
5	395	4	14	477	5
6	388	4	15	210	3
7	383	4	16	410	4
8	165	3	17	395	4
9	265	4	18	400	4
Out	2,983	36	In	3,244	36

Leading scores after second round

145 Mrs J. Rankin (US) 72, 73;
147 Miss B. Cullen (US) 75, 72;
150 Miss J. Prentice (US) 79, 71; Miss J. Stephenson (Australia) 76, 74;
151 Mrs K. Whitworth (US) 79, 72; Mrs G. Boykin (Germany) 77, 74;
152 Miss S. Haynie (US) 80, 72; Miss S. Miller (US) 82, 70; Miss S. Hamlin (US) 77, 75; Miss L. Bruce (US) 77, 75; Miss C. Redford (GB) 77, 75;
153 Mrs A. Bonallack (GB) 80, 73; Miss M. Smith (US) 77, 76; Mrs C. Rubin (France) 77, 76; Mrs K. Kertzman (US) 77, 76; Miss G. Denenberg (US) 74, 79; Mrs S. Barber (GB) 76, 77; Miss P. Barnett (US) 76, 77;
154 Miss M. Masters (Australia) 80, 74; Miss S. Post (Canada) 77, 77; Miss J. Bourassa (Canada) 79, 75; Miss C. Duggan (US) 76, 78; Miss S. Palmer (US) 76, 78; Mrs D. Young (US) 77, 77; Miss C. A. Creed (US) 77, 77; Miss H. Stacey (US) 75, 79; Miss D. Austin (US) 75, 79;
155 Mrs R. Albers (US) 81, 74; Mrs S. Berning (US) 81, 74; Mrs C. Matsui (Japan) 80, 75;
156 Miss J. Kazmierski (US) 82, 74; Mrs M. Breer (US) 80, 76; Miss J. Washam (US) 77, 79; Miss S. Little (SA) 77, 79; Miss S. Spuzich (US) 78, 78;
157 Miss S. Baugh (US) 80, 77; Miss V. Saunders (GB) 79, 78;
158 Miss P. Bradley (US) 82, 76; Miss M. Astrologus (US) 82, 76; Miss M. Hagge (US) 80, 78; Miss M. C. de Werra (Switzerland) 80, 78; Mrs D. Henson (GB) 79, 79; Miss C. Mackintosh (GB) 78, 80;
159 Mrs A. Stant (GB) 81, 78; Miss C. Mann (US) 80, 79; Miss B. Stone (US) 79, 80;
160 Miss S. Cadden (GB) 84, 76; Miss S. Needham 84, 76; Miss A. Powell (US) 80, 80; Miss L. Suggs (US) 79, 81; Mrs A. Uzielli (GB) 77, 83;
161 Mrs C. J. Skala (US) 78, 83; Mrs E. Head (GB) 77, 84;
162 Miss P. Higgins (US) 84, 78; Mrs J. Anderson (GB) 85, 77; Miss C. Reybroeck (Belgium) 84, 78;
163 Miss N. Schneider (US) 86, 77; Miss A. M. Palli (France) 80, 83; Miss I. Koehler (Germany) 80, 83;
164 Mrs J. Thornhill (GB) 83, 81; Miss C. Barclay (GB) 82, 82;
166 Miss M. Hood (GB) 84, 82; Mrs H. Kaye (GB) 84, 82; Mrs B. Bargh (GB) 84, 82;
167 Mrs M. Horner (US), 87, 80; Miss V. Rawlings (GB), 84, 83.
168 Miss R. Porter (GB), 85, 83; Mrs J. Valentine (GB), 85, 83; Miss J. Walter (GB), 82, 86; Mrs P. Riddiford (GB), 82, 86; Miss A. Janmaat (Netherlands), 80, 88.
170 Mrs B. Wilenken (France), 89, 81; Mrs B. Lewis (GB), 89, 81; Miss B. Rawls (US), 86, 84.
177 Mrs G. Brandom (Ireland), 92, 85.
172 Mrs A. Briggs (GB), 87, 85; Mrs S. Westall (GB), 81, 91.
174 Miss T. Walker (GB), 86, 88.
177 Mrs G. Brandon (Ireland), 92, 85.
178 Miss C. Panton (GB), 91, 87.
180 Mrs S. Hodges (GB), 89, 91.
187 Mrs P. Newman (GB), 95, 92.
190 Mrs A. Gale (GB), 99, 91.

Jacklin says patience will be needed to win

Clemmons, North Carolina, Aug 9.—Ray Floyd, John Schlee and Hubert Green shared the lead yesterday after the first round of the United States Professional Golfers' Association championship at the waterlogged Tanglewood Golf Club. Floyd, the 1969 PGA champion, Schlee and Green—who all went around in the afternoon after the rain had stopped—shot two-under-par 68 to lead a strong field of 69 that included Jack Nicklaus, the defending champion and the 62-year-old Sam Snead.

Gary Player, of South Africa, seeking his third major title this year, had a disappointing 73, as had Britain's Tony Jacklin. John Miller, the 1973 United States Open champion and winner of five events on the tour this year, was on 71. Tom Weiskopf soared to a five-over-par 75.

Green, who has won three times this year, moved into the lead with birdies at the 16th, where he had a 20ft putt, and at the 17th, where he holed a six-foot putt.

Floyd moved to three under par —the best score at any point during the day—with birdies at the 11th and 12th holes. But he drove into the rough on the 17th and took one over par there.

Player was disappointed, especially at the 18th hole. "The 18th really upset me", he said. "The fairway there is the widest on the course." He drove into the deep rough, had to pitch back on to the fairway, drove a nine iron over the green on his third shot, chipped back and took two putts.

Jacklin was unable to score any birdies. His three bogeys (one over par) came at the par-three third, when he was bunkered, the par-four ninth, when he dropped into deep rough and was unable to reach the green in regulation figures, and the par-four seventeenth, when he again drove into the rough.

"I played well on the back nine," Jacklin said, "but I just couldn't make any putts. Sure, the rough is tough, but that is the way it should be. It's a pity about the weather, though. What it will take to win this championship is patience."

It rained heavily most of the night and during the morning. By early afternoon it stopped. The course was still heavy and the greens became extremely bumpy. Nicklaus, who won this title last year at the Canterbury Golf Club at Cleveland, Ohio, had two birdies and a bogey for his 69. "I didn't have the ball that close to the hole," he said, "but off these wet fairways I didn't try to force the ball to the hole. I was just trying to get it on the greens."

His birdies came at the ninth, with an eight-foot putt, and at the fifteenth, with a 25ft putt. With him and Snead on 69 are Bobby Cole, of South Africa, Tom Watson, Eddie Pearce and Leonard Thompson. There are nine players on par 70, including Bruce Devlin, of Australia, Victor Regalado, of Mexico, who won the Pleasant Valley tournament last weekend, and Kermit Zarley, who was tied for the lead until he had two over par at the final hole.

FIRST ROUND (US unless stated):
68—J. Schlee, R. Floyd, H. Green.
69—S. Snead, B. Cole (South Africa), T. Watson, L. Thompson, J. Nicklaus, E. Pearce.
70—T. Jenkins, A. Geiberger, J. Colbert, T. Nieporte, M. Rudolph, G. Jones, B. Devlin (Australia), V. Regalado, K. Zarley.
71—T. Kite, C. Rodrigues, J. Miller.
72—E. Sneed, A. Palmer, J. Wiechers, J. C. Snead, G. Brewer.
73—A. Jacklin (GB), G. Player (South Africa), J. Heard, R. Menne, G. Gilbert, L. Trevino, J. Schroeder.
74—R. Murphy, D. Hill.
75—B. Crampton (Australia), B. Yancey, B. Crenshaw, L. Ziegler, T. Weiskopf.
76—G. Littler.
78—L. Wadkins.—Reuter.

Hobday four strokes ahead

Hilversum, Aug 9.—Simon Hobday, a Rhodesian from Salisbury, set the early pace with a round of 69, five under par, for a total of 141 after two rounds of the Dutch Open golf event here today.

Hobday, a former South African Open champion, moved four strokes ahead of his nearest rival, the former Australian amateur champion, Bob Shearer, who was round in 73. Hobday went out in 33, four under par, with four birdies in succession from the sixth. He holed a putt of 30 feet for another birdie at the 11th and finished seven under par for the championship so far.

Out on the course, level with Shearer at three under par, were Polland, of Northern Ireland, the joint overnight leader with Brian Barnes, of Britain, and the Belgian, Donald Swaelens, on 71, and Peter Wilcock, also from Britain, who was out in 33.

141: S. Hobday (Rhodesia).
145: R. Shearer (Australia).
146: B. Gilder (US).
150: O. Gartenmaier (Austria).
151: D. Dunk (GB), C. Burrows (US).
152: D. Scanlan (GB).
153: B. Pascassio (France).
154: N. Job (GB), D. Klenk (US).
155: M. Gannon (Ireland).

Italian sets the early pace

Gino Sita (Italy) set the early pace in the second round of the British youths' golf championship at Downfield, Dundee yesterday. He followed up his first round of 74 with a 73 giving him a 36-hole total of 147 which should enable him to qualify

SECOND ROUND: 141: G. R. D. Eyles (Frilford Heath), 72, 69; 146: A. W. B. Lyle (Hawkestone Park), 72, 74; 147: G. Sita (Italy), 73, 74; A. G. Liddle (Alloa), 75, 72; 148: M. Mannelli (Italy), 72, 76; A. W. Brown (Carnoustie), 73, 75; 151: S. Dunlop (Dublin University), 77, 74; J. Powell (North Foreland), 76, 75.

Favourite loses to sixth seed

Christine Langford, aged 17, of Bearsted, the No 6 seed, scored a surprise win in the final of the English girls' close amateur golf championships at Knowle, Bristol, yesterday. She beat the favourite, Lynne Harrold, of Gerrards Cross, by 2 and 1.

In the semi-final round Miss Harrold, who is trained by Mr Leslie King, won 6 and 5 against the No 5 seed, Anne Daniel, of Mill Hill. Miss Langford won 5 and 4 against Deborah Glenn,

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Cricket

Pakistan suffer more frustration

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: England lead Pakistan by 140 runs on the first innings

There were further frustrations for Pakistan in the second Test match yesterday, though not because of the rain this time. That they allowed England to make 270 after losing their first six wickets for 118 was due mainly to Knott and Old, who scored 124 runs between them, going in at numbers seven and eight.

To Pakistan's credit they had got right back into the game soon after luncheon. With all their batsmen out England were still 12 runs behind. Until then Pakistan had fielded beautifully and made the very most of a pitch that, during the morning, was still just slightly damp from Thursday's storms. They had been helped, too, by some modest batting, of the kind at which England, on their off days, excel.

When Greig was out in the early afternoon it looked as though Pakistan might be batting again before tea, no more than 30 or 40 runs behind. But Old is fast improving as a batsman and England's opponents know that they can never rest until Knott is gone, even when, as now, he has been completely out of form.

Earlier this year Knott arrived in Bridgetown for the third Test match against West Indies having made no runs to speak of in his previous 15 Test innings; there, with England in trouble, he scored 87 and 69. Yesterday his first class average for the season was 9.75 (156 runs from 16 completed innings) when he came in with *England in danger of throwing* away all the good work of Thursday.

In three hours and three-quarters Knott made 83. He gave two technical chances, at 45 and 46: *first when Imran Khan almost* held on to a return catch off a full toss, then when *Asif Iqbal*, rolling over in the covers, let a low ball escape. Asif grinned, as he always does, and Knott took guard again, seeing through the new ball with Arnold and staying until *there were only 10 minutes* left.

Though doggedly slow at times, it was none the less an interesting day's cricket. The figures show how good a morning it was for Pakistan: they took four wickets for 64 runs and in two hours England hit only one boundary. During the afternoon Knott and Old launched England's recovery, slowly at times but not meekly. In the evening, with the light going (a quarter of an hour was lost), England made their slowest progress of the day under the guidance of Knott, while Pakistan hoped only that no lurking storm would break before the covers went on for the night. In fact, none did.

For the first hour England were in no particular trouble; but there is a vast difference between that and taking command, which was something they never threatened to do. Only Denness made much *effort at it, but his timing was* against him. With six overs for *one run, opening from the Nursery end*, Sarfraz had most to do with the way the day began, and it was he who took the first wicket when he had Lloyd caught at slip, sparring.

There was still no hint of a batting collapse, with Denness busying himself at one end and Edrich grinding on at the other. When Denness was seven he could have been caught at mid-off off Intikhab, a low and awkward chance. It was not important, Denness playing on to Imran after adding 38 with Edrich. Even at 90 for three at one o'clock, England still had their sights on a long lead. By lunchtime, at 106 for five, they no longer did, and a quarter of an hour afterwards Greig was also out. From 90 for two England declined to 118 for six, not least, I think, because they rather took their advantage for granted.

Edrich, whose method to wrist spin, while not inspiring confidence, has stood the test of time, was caught at backward short leg off Intikhab. For once, he failed to kill the turn in that firm-footed way he has and Sadiq, round the *corner, gave the catch a gleeful* welcome.

A seventh wicket stand between Old (left) and Knott (right) thwarted Pakistan at Lord's yesterday.

Pakistan were *coming now* to recognize the possibilities of the situation. When Fletcher was leg-before, playing across a full length ball from Imran, they were greatly and understandably excited. When Greig was brilliantly run out by Asif Iqbal, the fielder disappeared under a torrent of congratulations. Knott had called Greig for a sharp single to cover point, but Asif's throw hit the one stump he had to aim at.

There followed an admirable partnership between Knott and Old of 69 in 90 minutes. Old is a bad starter against speed and a bold hitter of spin, all of which was evident in his *innings* of 41. Intikhab had come *in* for some quite heavy punishment from Old, mostly with towering pulls, by the time Mushtaq, coming on for the first time, had him caught at the wicket in his second over. Although this was Old's highest score for England he is a good enough player to beat it before long.

For the eighth wicket Knott and Arnold added 44. After he had *been in for an hour Arnold's only* scoring stroke was a hook for four off Sarfraz. *A good golfer*, with a natural swing, Arnold is a useful batsman when he puts his mind to it. When he was caught at the wicket, chasing a wide one, 55 minutes were left. There prevailed the *feeling* by then that the main business of the day was done—and so *it* was. Today, with Pakistan batting for their lives, should not be one to miss.

PAKISTAN: First Innings, 130 for 9 dec (D. L. Underwood 5 for 20).

ENGLAND: First Innings

D. L. Amiss, c Sadiq, b Asif Masood	2
D. Lloyd, c Zaheer Abbas, b Sarfraz	23
J. H. Edrich, c Sadiq b Intikhab	40
*M. H. Denness, b Imran	20
K. Fletcher, l-b-w, b Imran	8
A. W. Greig, run out	9
†A. Knott, c Wasim Bari, b Asif Masood	83
C. Old, c Wasim Bari, b Mushtaq	41
G. G. Arnold, c Wasim Bari, b Asif Masood	10
D. L. Underwood, not out	12
M. Hendrick, c Imran, b Intikhab	6
Extras (l-b 14, w 1, n-b 1)	16
Total	270

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—2, 2—52, 3—90, 4—94, 5—100, 6—118, 7—187, 8—231, 9—254, 10—270.

BOWLING: Asif Masood, 25—10—47—3; Sarfraz, 22—8—42—1; Imran, 18—2—48—2; Intikhab, 26—4—80—2; Wasim Raja, 2—0—8—0; Mushtaq, 7—3—16—1; Asif Iqbal, 5—0—13—0.

Umpires: D. Constant and C. Elliott.

Lancashire thwart a valiant drive for victory

By Peter Marson

BLACKPOOL: Northamptonshire (6 pts) drew with Lancashire (5).

Northamptonshire tried valiantly to win a seventh victory from this match and they came desperately close to succeeding until the last hour. Then with Lancashire 94 for seven and rain falling steadily, Simmons, Lyon and finally, Shuttleworth, ringed by close fieldsmen, defended splendidly against the bowling of Bedi, Willey *and lastly Cottam*, and saw Lancashire safely home to their thirteenth drawn match out of 15 in the county championship.

The swing towards Northamptonshire had been brought about in the morning through the batting of Tait and Steele, and on a pitch better suited to Bedi than anyone else Lancashire were set to make 223 runs to win in 175 minutes plus the final 20 overs in the last hour. Lancashire's innings had begun to *disintegrate* from the moment Wood was out leg before to Dye in the fourth over, with the score at 13. Dye, managing to find a little pace, bowled well. Kennedy fell to him next at 21, and at 25 Pilling was caught at midwicket by Willey in Bedi's first over.

Hayes was at the crease *now*, but Lancashire would only be blown to victory by the kind of whirlwind that is the speciality of Clive Lloyd. But, Hayes, gliding up the pitch, was bowled by Bedi, and at 66 Lloyd was sixth out, leg before to Willey. Only Northamptonshire could win now.

Northamptonshire, of course, had been *in* the same sort of trouble when they began their second innings after tea on Thursday afternoon, and at the close then only Tait among the first six batsmen in the order had survived, and he had made 57 of 81 runs. From Northamptonshire's point of view a small crisis was at hand, and from their position in the upper echelon of the county championship it was serious enough to seek support from the walking wounded. Chief among them was Steele, and his handicap —a pulled hamstring—was greater than the rest.

Yet, Steele was prepared for battle and with Cook acting as runner these two accompanied Tait at the crease. There had been some rain during the night, but it *was sunny* and warm when Shuttleworth and Simmons faced the bowling. There was no pace in the pitch for the faster bowlers and a full two hours passed before the spin bowlers got the ball to turn more than a little. By that time Lancashire's grip on the match had relaxed, while Northamptonshire's position had strengthened.

Tait and Steele had been responsible for this in a stand for the *sixth wicket that took Northamptonshire* from the poverty of what in effect was 69 for five to the prosperity of 185. This had been a thoroughly entertaining partnership with 104 runs made in 115 minutes. Steele seemed not to be much inconvenienced and, taking every advantage from some sometimes *indifferent* bowling, he had given Tait exactly the support he needed. Steele reached an excellent 50 with a fine hook for four behind square leg off Lever. Tait was then 95 and eager to embrace his hundred.

Alas, Tait may have been a little too eager and made only four of the five runs required before being run out for the second time in the match. If it had been an unkind cut then it will have been a lesson also. Tait had pushed the ball from Lever out towards cover point but Hughes was there to field and swooping down he threw down *the bowler's wicket with Tait still* sprinting to make the crease. Tait had done a marvellous job for his side for 243 minutes in which he had hit 12 boundaries.

Steele's score then was 58 and with another two runs added he, too, was gone, beaten and bowled as he went on to the back foot to touch Hughes through his wicket. Hodgson and Co. happy to have been relieved of a more onerous task, then took the score *to 234 when the innings closed at* 25 minutes to three.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings, 251 for 6 (R. T. Virgin 106, D. S. Steele 77; J. Simmons 4 for 71)

Second Innings

R. T. Virgin, c Lyon, b Lever	0
A. Tait, run out	99
G. Cook, c Simmons, b Wood	14
P. Willey, c Abrahams, b Hughes	[illegible]
†G. Sharp, c Hayes, b Hughes	[illegible]
*P. J. Watts, c Hayes, b Simmons	0
D. S. Steele, b Hughes	60
A. Hodgson, c Lever, b Hughes	30
R. Cottam, c and b Hughes	10
B. S. Bedi, not out	1
J. Dye, b Simmons	1
Extras (b 2, l-b 3, w 1, n-b 1)	7
Total	234

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—[illegible], 3—64, 4—80, 5—81, 6—185, 7—187, 8—227, 9—2[illegible]0, 10—234.

BOWLING: Lever, 15—3—32—1; Shuttleworth, 10—5—15—0; Wood, 8—1—11—1; Simmons, 33.5—12—115—2; Hughes, 27—7—60—5; Abrahams, 2—1—8—0.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings, 265 for 7 (C. H. Lloyd 92; B. S. Bedi 5 for 110)

Second Innings

B. Wood, l-b-w, b Dye	0
A. Kennedy, c Willey, b Dye	10
H. Pilling, c Willey, b Bedi	[illegible]
F. C. Hayes, st Sharp, b Bedi	4
C. H. Lloyd, l-b-w, b Willey	24
J. Abrahams, c Cook, b Bedi	10
D. P. Hughes, c Virgin, b Bedi	12
J. Simmons, not out	31
†J. Lyon, c Sharp, b Willey	0
K. Shuttleworth, not out	[illegible]
Extras (b 10, l-b 5, n-b 5)	[illegible]
Total (8 wkts)	141

P. Lever did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—13, 2—21, 3—25, [illegible].

BOWLING: Cottam, [illegible]—17—0; Dye, 8—2—23—2; Bedi, [illegible]—40—4; Willey, 22—7—15—2; Watts, 1—1—[illegible].

Umpires: A. E. G. Rhodes and J. G. Langridge.

Yachting

Cowes caught in the mountainous wash of a thundering ferry boat

By John Nicholls

Morning Cloud, owned by Edward Heath, won her second race in succession in class one and Gumboots, owned by Jeremy Rogers, won her fifth race in class two at Cowes yesterday. Both classes were somewhat depleted by boats still being repaired after the previous day's heavy weather, but the races were well supported. The weather was similar to Thursday's, although the wind never quite reached the same strength and the gusts were slightly less vicious.

I have watched the starts of the handicap classes from the same position each day during the week, on board the committee boat, stationed at the outer end of the starting line. It has been interesting to compare different starting techniques, and it has not surprised me to see the same boats making the best starts each day with monotonous regularity.

Only a small proportion of boats in each class have been really competitive. The others are out for a variety of reasons, most of them probably for nothing more harmless than a jolly day out on the water. Judging by the questions that were put to the committee men, many of the crews clearly did not know what was going on. Yesterday some vociferous members of Owen Aisher's crew on Yeoman XIX ordered the committee boat to get out of the way at the start!

Another man who did not seem to appreciate the niceties of yacht racing was the skipper of the *cross-Channel ferry, Viking III*. Twice this week she has thundered through the racing fleets, barely altering course to avoid individual boats and never slackening speed. Her mountainous wash has all but capsized some of the smaller boats, and such an attitude of undisguised aggression is difficult to understand. Five minutes, more or less, on a cross-Channel passage cannot be that significant.

Yesterday class four suffered: *earlier in the week it was* class two. Being first away, class one boats luckily have had the water to themselves, and yesterday Arthur Slater, in Green Highlander, made the best start, beating to the westward in a fresh westerly breeze. Morning Cloud was not well placed, neither was More Opposition (Tony Morgan and George Walker), the boat that eventually finished first.

But by Lymington Spit, the *first mark of the 25-mile course*, both had moved up the fleet. More Opposition, sailed by Keith Musto, was first round, followed by Bill McCowen's Synergy, and the Irish boat Assiduous (Clayton Love), with Morning Cloud fifth.

On the return running leg past Cowes, More Opposition and Synergy stayed close together, and Ron Amey, in Noryema, moved into third place. Morning Cloud held on to her fifth place and proceeded to overtake Assiduous on the remaining beat to the finishing line. It was probably this leg, more than any other, that won her the race on corrected time. More Opposition finished a minute ahead of Synergy and was second on handicap, with Assiduous third.

Gumboots, with Rob Aisher at her helm, did not make the best start in class two, but she was away well and soon took up her usual position at the head of the fleet. She was followed *round the* first mark by Golden Apple, sailed yesterday by Peter Nicholson, and Ronald Ducker's Chartreuse. Later in the race Golden Apple's designer, Ron Holland, was struck on the head by the boom and had to receive hospital treatment a the race. This did not prevent boat he designed from finis second, both across the line on handicap, with Chartr third.

SOUTH COAST OD: 1, Alison Bradbeer); 2, Aderyn (H. Evans Jester of Bosham (J. A. Mellor
DARINGS: 1, Diamond (Ca Hewlett and others); 2, Fiinesse R. Z. de Ferranti and J. Raymond Darling (Sir Kenneth Preston others).
SOLINGS: 1, Mighty Bare Hobday); 2, Frequently Knot (J. man); 3, Forlat (M. J. Wheatley
DRAGONS: 1, Tara (C. Macdonald); 2, Jerboa (P. Dy ingro (F. Klois).
SWALLOWS (Interim Award): 1, Spindrift (J. Upton Swift (S. H. Morris); 3, Bluebe (I. G. Butler).
REDWINGS: 1, Redstart Janson); 2, Toucan (P. Mad and others); 3, Prawn (M. And
SUNBEAMS: 1, Argosy (P. Ch and R. Burgoyne); 2, Fay (Sir Chisholm); 3, Tanlivy (N. Thom
MERMAIDS: 1, Bluebell (C T. V. Somers); 2, Rosemary Savory); 3, Halluf (Air Commod E. Jarman).
FLYING FIFTEENS (Tudor Bowl): 1, Ffilipinek (W. Jacob P. Jordan); 2, Green Bea McIntosh); 3, Jambie III (Dr Cameron).
XOD (Frank Baken Trophy Anitra (Dr H. Rowan and Ansell); 2, Dubonnet (D. Lon Beaver (Captain C. Coulburn).
VICTORY: 1, Shearwater (M. 2, Dizdaine (P. R. Koeble); 3, (L. Kirkpatrick and others).
CLASS 1 (Rocking Chair T 1, Morning Cloud (E. Heath 34min 27sec; 2, More Opposition Morgan), 3hr 25min 21sec; 3, duous (C. Love), 3hr 26min 41
CLASS 2: 1, Gumboots (J. C. and others), 3hr 25min 22s Golden Apple (H. P. Coveney 27min 40sec; 3, Chartreuse Ducker and F. Ratsey-Woodroffe 29min 59sec.
CLASS 3 (Cowes Town Cu Fleur de Mer (D. Rayment Sparkes), 3hr 28min 41sec; 2 Helios (J. Allonby) and UF Matthews, 3hr 30min 26sec.
CLASS 4 (J. Samuel White C Windy of Hamble (R. Ewan 2hr 58min 8sec; 2, Arctic Skua Richardson), 3hr 1min 48sec; 3 ricantoo (B. and N. Simms), 3 41sec.
CLASS 5: 1, Reverie (M. Bl A. Hayes), 2hr 58min 53sec; 2 lion (D. Ide and L. Marks), 3hr 3, Old Job (W. Citron and J. K 3hr 5min 53sec.

Consistency at the helm

Tony Blatchford and B. Strickland from Lymington Town YC, capped a week of consistent competence in varying conditions by winning the final race to clinch the Osprey national championship over a 12-mile Olympic course off Birchington's Minnis Bay yesterday.

Nearly 100 competitors started in a fair breeze which gradually increased to a 15-knot strength giving an exciting fillip to the closing stages in which 15 craft capsized. The capsize incidents causing compulsory withdrawals were limited to only five craft needing assistance. The crews struggling in the sea were able to right their craft and continue.

The closest challenger to Blatchford was last year's Osprey champion, Martin Peek, of the Chasewater Club, Birmingham, with R. Salmonson in Skua. Third place was gained by the former champion, Ken Robertson, of Maunts Bay, Penzance, who, with R. Jebbott, secured third place in Robber.

The Penzance pair, in Robber, were overall championship runners-up, and the third championship position was gained by their Maunts Bay club colleagues, helmsman John Curnow with A. Smith in Pieces of Eight.

RESULTS: 1, Infidel (T. Blatchford, Lymington); 2, Skua (M. Peek, Chasewater); 3, Robber (K. Robertson, Maunts Bay). Overall: 1, Infidel; 2, Robber; 3, Pieces of Eight (J. Curnow, Maunts Bay); 4, Nabucco (J. Torrence, Burnham-on-Crouch); 5, Only Two Can Play (D. Hoare, Clevedon).

First Wayfare event goes to Stone

Cornish Mustard, sailed b Stone, of Salcombe, won th race for the Wayfarer world pionship at Hayling Island day. The fleet, already redu 30 from the 90 taking part national championship, was reduced by capsizes and o crossed the winning line. T was held outside Chichest bour, in Hayling Bay, a gusty force six wind caused seas.

RESULT: 1, Cornish Musta Stone, Salcombe); 2, Wende Wilson, Medway); 3, Nipege Hodshon, Medway); 4, Tricky (J. Doerr, Ogston); 5, Nim Hamble (P. Shanks, Hamble R

KIEL: Corsair class, championship: 1, H. and D. (W Germany), 17.4 pts.
HANKO (Finland): European championship, third race: Bjurstroem and H. Bjurstroem land); 2, Masso and Mo (Spain); 3, Gancedo and Otero (4, Krafft and Krafft (Swed Queiroz and Figueiro (Portugal) placing: 10, Harris and Bibiero race: 1, Queiroz and Figue Gancedo and Otero; 3, Kraft an 4, Nieminen and Alanko (Finla Bjurstroem and Bjurstroem Gilbourne and Lundberg (S Overall: 1, Bjurstroem and Bju 18 pts; 2, Nieminen and Alank pts; 3, Gancedo and Otero, 39 Krafft and Krafft, 41.4 pts; 5, stedt and Christoffersen (De 49 pts; 6, Gilbourne and L 50.4 pts; 7, Queiroz and Fig pts.
MALMO: Quarter-ton Cup race: 1, Accent (P. Norlin, S 2, Kakadu (R. Magnusson, S 3, Timschal (G. Nissen, We many); 4, Arlecchino (P. Ututti 5, Rebel (C. Bolle, Sweden) Fun (H. Ewers, Sweden). Brit ings: 23, Runaway Robber (G Rof (GB).

Edwards loses to colleague

Christopher Edwards's run of successes—four consecutive wins —in the National 12 dinghy championship at Pevensey Bay, Sussex, came to an end yesterday when his club colleague, Michael Jackson, of Ranelagh Sailing Club, Putney, sailed to victory in an exciting finish for the Scarborough Yacht Salver, the final event of Burton Week. Edwards was less than a minute behind for the second gun.

In a strong westerly wind of Force 4 to 5 rising to 6, in which many boats capsized, David Sallis, of Ely SC, held a confident lead until the closing stages when the Ranelagh pair overtook him to fight out the finish. For Edwards, the week has been an outstanding success. Only one man has ever before won so many trophies in Burton Week, and that was Jackson, who beat him yesterday and who holds the record to date. For the host club, with a strong fleet of National 12s, the week was disappointing. They never had a helmsman to finish in the first three.

RACE SIX: 1, Cheshire Cat (M. Jackson, Ranelagh); 2, Molga Bill (C. Edwards, Ranelagh); 3, Dinah-Dart (D. Sallis, Ely).

STOCKHOLM: Moth championships: 1, R. O'Sullivan (Australia); 2, I. Brown (Australia); 3, T. Tokos (Czechoslovakia); 6, C. Reeves (GB); 7, P. Bannister (GB).

Turner twice breaks through Yorkshire stands

Stuart Turner bowled Essex to victory over Yorkshire, on a difficult pitch at Leyton yesterday. Turner twice broke through at a crucial stage and, despite defiant stands for the first, sixth and eighth wickets, Yorkshire were beaten by an innings and 19 runs with seven overs to spare.

Yorkshire began their second innings 182 behind, with five hours left, and Boycott and Leadbeater batted 90 minutes, spanning lunch, to give them an excellent chance of saving the game.

Turner upset the innings with three quick wickets after luncheon. The important wicket of Boycott was taken by East, who held a sharp return catch to his left when Boycott failed to control a drive. Hutton and Bairstow lasted 75 minutes, until Hutton edged the last ball before tea from East to slip.

Bairstow and Stevenson held off the spin bowlers for half an hour, but the return of Turner took Essex to the verge of victory. He ended Bairstow's 110 minutes defiance with a gully catch and yorked Stevenson, to finish with five for 32. Wilson hit two sixes off East, but Lever proved too fast for Robinson. The victory margin fully justified Hobbs's decision to bat on in the morning. Essex adding 63 in 50 minutes.

A fine unbeaten 116 by Warwickshire's left-handed West Indian Alvin Kallicharran enabled Warwickshire to avert defeat by Kent, at Canterbury. Kallicharran was so dominant that he reached 102 out of 149 in 153 minutes with 16 fours and Warwickshire, facing a first innings deficit of 150, closed on 243 for four.

Kent resumed at 263 for six but lost their last four wickets for 33 runs and failed to gain a fourth batting point. Hemmings, with off spin, had a spell of three for 11 in 3.2 overs and Johnson, with his best innings of 158, added only eight yesterday in 40 minutes. He batted 335 minutes and hit 23 fours.

Johnson, bowling off spin, picked up the wickets of Jameson and Mike Smith as Warwickshire replied with 68 for two and Kent were still in with a chance. But Murray, opening in the absence of Abberley who had gone home because his father was gravely ill, hit 36 in adding 40 for the third wicket with Kallicharran. Then Gardom (31) helped the West Indian add 80 for the fourth wicket and Warwickshire were safe.

Nottinghamshire's acting captain, Smedley, was left fuming after a dramatic last-gasp attempt for victory against Somerset at Trent Bridge yesterday. After bowling out Somerset for 165 and 173, Nottinghamshire were left time for three overs to get 17 runs for a win, but were only allowed two—and finished three runs short.

Smedley said: "Because there were a few spots of rain the umpires delayed the start. But there was nothing wrong with the weather and we could have got three overs in easily. We would certainly have knocked off the other three runs. It was a scandalous situation and it left all the players shattered."

Rain forced a draw at Cheltenham after Gloucestershire had declared their second innings at 238 for two and set Derbyshire a victory target of 347. The Gloucestershire decision to bat on enabled their 23-year-old wicketkeeper, Stovold, to complete a maiden first-class century. It was the first hundred by a Gloucestershire *wicketkeeper for 21 years*.

After Stovold's dismissal, Gloucestershire went for quick runs with Knight hitting an unbeaten 44. In Derbyshire's second innings, Page hit his second 50 of the match before falling leg before to Graveney, who finished with a match analysis of 10 for 106.

Steele is out with *hamstring injury*

David Steele, Northamptonshire's number three batsman, will not play for at least a week because of a hamstring injury. The young batsman, Wayne Larkins, and Colin Milburn have been included in the party for the match against Essex at Wellingborough today.

Sussex will be without their leading bowler John Spencer, for a fortnight. An X-ray examination has revealed a cracked right forefinger and Spencer will miss two key John Player League matches.

Essex v Yorkshire

AT LEYTON

Essex (17 pts) beat Yorkshire (4) by an innings and 19 runs.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings, 131 (G. Boycott 68; K. D. Boyce 7 for [illegible]).

Second Innings

*G. Boycott, c and b East	[illegible]
B. Leadbeater, l-b-w, b Turner	[illegible]
C. Johnson, b Turner	[illegible]
J. H. Hampshire, b Turner	[illegible]
A. Townsley, run out	[illegible]
R. A. Hutton, c Cooke, b Hobbs	20
†D. L. Bairstow, c Hobbs, b Turner	26
G. A. Cope, c Hardie, b East	5
G. B. Stevenson, b Turner	18
D. Wilson, not out	11
A. L. Robinson, b Lever	[illegible]
Extras (b 4, n-b 12)	16
Total	163

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—[illegible], 2—[illegible], 3—[illegible], 4—65, 5—71, 6—110, 7—112, 8—139, 9—140, 10—163.

BOWLING: Boyce, 15—4—31—0; Lever, 17.1—[illegible]—17—1; Turner, 25—10—32—5; East, 30—21—47—3; Hobbs, 14—7—20—1.

ESSEX: *First Innings*

B. Edmeades, l-b-w, b Hutton	[illegible]
B. R. Hardie, c Hampshire, b Hutton	[illegible]
K. S. McEwan, c Leadbeater, b Wilson	11
R. M. O. Cooke, c Hampshire, b Hutton	[illegible]
G. A. Gooch, c Bairstow, b Hutton	16
S. Turner, c and b Stevenson	[illegible]
K. D. Boyce, l-b-w, b Stevenson	[illegible]
R. E. East, c Leadbeater, b Hutton	17
†N. Smith, b Hutton	4
*R. Hobbs, c Bairstow, b Robinson	[illegible]
J. K. Lever, not out	[illegible]
Extras (b 2, w 2, n-b 4)	8
Total (103.5 overs)	313

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—77, 2—89, 3—[illegible], 4—13[illegible], 5—141, 6—221, 7—230, 8—266, 9—277, 10—313.

BOWLING: Robinson, 20.5—6—67—1; Hutton, 31—11—83—[illegible]; Stevenson, 15—4—45—2; Wilson, 16—5—64—1; Cope, 16—4—[illegible]—0.

Umpires: W. Alley and J. Crapp.

Gloucester v Derby

AT CHELTENHAM

Gloucestershire (7 pts) drew with Derbyshire (5).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 279 (R. B. Nicholls 55; S. Venkataraghavan 7 for 102).

Second Innings

†A. W. Stovold, c Page, b Venkataraghavan	102
R. B. Nicholls, c Rowe, b Russell	[illegible]
R. D. V. Knight, not out	44
M. J. Procter, not out	[illegible]
Extras (b 1, l-b 7, n-b 1)	[illegible]
Total (2 wkts dec)	238

D. R. Shepherd, A. J. Hignell, *A. S. Brown, P. L. Thorn, J. B. Mortimore, D. A. Graveney and J. H. Shackleton did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—140, 2—190.

BOWLING: Ward, 10—2—[illegible]—0; Russell, 13—1—[illegible]—1; Venkataraghavan, 21—5—[illegible]—1; Swarbrook, 1[illegible]—1—63—0; Swindell, 6—1—1[illegible]—0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings, 171 (M. H. Page 60; D. A. Graveney 7 for 70).

Second Innings

M. H. Page, l-b-w, b Graveney	[illegible]
F. W. Swarbrook, c Brown, b Graveney	[illegible]
A. J. Harvey-Walker, c Brown, b Graveney	[illegible]
H. Cartwright, not out	16
*J. B. Bolus, not out	[illegible]
Extras (b 4, l-b 3, n-b 3)	10
Total (3 wkts)	135

L. G. Rowe, †R. W. Taylor, S. *Venkataraghavan, R. S. Swindell, P. E.* Russell and A. Ward did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—75, 2—100, 3—115.

BOWLING: Procter, 12—2—30—0; Shackleton, 4—[illegible]—1—0; Brown, [illegible]—15—0; Mortimore, [illegible]—0—41—0; Graveney, 10—1—[illegible]—3.

Umpires: G. H. Pope and R. Aspinall.

County championship

	P	W	L	D	Btg	Blg	Pts
Hampshire (1)	15	10	2	3	43	54	197
Worcester (6)	[illegible]	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	166
Surrey (2)	16	[illegible]	2	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Northants (3)	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	51	[illegible]
Leicester (9)	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Middlesex (13)	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Somerset (10)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Warwick (7)	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sussex (15)	16	[illegible]	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lancs (12)	15	2	0	13	[illegible]	50	107
Yorkshire (14)	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	25	[illegible]	100
Essex (8)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gloucester (5)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kent (4)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	20	12	[illegible]
Nottingham (17)	14	1	6	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Derbyshire (16)	15	1	[illegible]	10	16	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glamorgan (11)	15	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

1973 positions in brackets.
5pts each for Sussex and Essex in tied match.

Second XI competition

UXBRIDGE: Hampshire II, 195 and 150 (T. Lamb 6—[illegible], J. Emburey 4—[illegible]); Middlesex II, 235 (J. Rice 5—[illegible]) and 112—3 (R. O. Butcher 57 not out). Middlesex II won by 7 wkts.

BYFLEET: Warwickshire II 225 and 120 (D. Owen-Thomas 4—25); Surrey II 200—4 and 140 (P. Lewington [illegible]). Warwickshire II won by 5 runs.

Notts v Somerset

AT NOTTINGHAM

Nottinghamshire (8pts) drew with Somerset (5).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings, 302 (G. Sobers 108, M. J. Harris [illegible]).

Second Innings

D. W. Randall, not out	7
B. Hassan, not out	4
Extras (b 2, l-b 1)	3
Total (no wkt)	14

M. J. Harris, P. A. Todd, G. Sobers, *M. J. Smedley, R. A. White, J. D. Birch, H. C. Latchman, B. Stead, and W. Taylor did not bat.

BOWLING: Jones, 1—0—4—0; Moseley, 1—0—7—0.

SOMERSET: First Innings

M. J. Kitchen, c Latchman, b White	[illegible]
†D. Taylor, l-b-w, b Stead	25
P. W. Denning, c Todd, b White	13
V. A. Richards, c Randall, b White	10
*D. B. Close, not out	51
J. M. Parks, c Latchman, b White	[illegible]
G. I. Burgess, c Latchman, b Sobers	0
I. T. Botham, c Birch, b White	0
B. A. Langford, c Harris, b Sobers	0
H. R. Moseley, b Sobers	0
A. A. Jones, c Randall, b White	[illegible]
Extras (b 1, l-b 4, w 1)	6
Total (62.5 overs)	165

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—57, 2—103, 3—110, 4—138, 5—138, 6—13[illegible], 7—144, 8—144, 9—144, 10—165.

BOWLING: Stead, 17—4—51—1; Taylor, 9—1—21—0; Birch, 3—1—[illegible]—0; White, 30.5—14—[illegible]—6; Sobers, 1[illegible]—26—3.

Second Innings

D. Taylor, b White	14
*D. B. Close, b Sobers	27
P. W. Denning, c Birch, b White	42
V. A. Richards, b Latchman	31
J. M. Parks, c Sobers, b White	17
M. J. Kitchen, b White	[illegible]
G. I. Burgess, c Hassan, b White	10
I. T. Botham, c Smedley, b Sobers	14
B. A. Langford, c Birch, b Sobers	[illegible]
H. R. Moseley, b White	0
A. A. Jones, not out	0
Extras (b 2, l-b 4, n-b 1)	7
Total	173

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—42, 2—44, 3—97, 4—137, 5—137, 6—146, 7—171, 8—171, 9—173, 10—173.

BOWLING: Stead, 5—1—6—0; Taylor, 4—2—4—0; White, 27.2—[illegible]—6[illegible]—6; Sobers, 23—[illegible]—3; Latchman, 8—[illegible]—37—1.

Umpires: B. Meyer and A. Whitehead.

Minor Counties

PENZANCE: Cornwall, 1[illegible]—9 dec and 111—5 dec (E. Willcock [illegible]); Dorset, 96 and 119—6 (D. A. Bullfield 55; D. J. Halford [illegible]). Drawn.

Kent v Warwickshire

AT CANTERBURY

Kent (7 pts) drew with Warwickshire (4).

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings, 1[illegible] (J. N. Shepherd 6 for 67).

Second Innings

J. A. Jameson, c Luckhurst, b Johnson	[illegible]
†D. L. Murray, l-b-w, b Woolmer	36
M. J. K. Smith, c Luckhurst, b Johnson	10
A. I. Kallicharran, not out	116
B. K. Gardom, c Nicholls, b Rowe	31
E. E. Hemmings, not out	8
Extras (b [illegible], lb 4)	15
Total (4 wkts)	243

R. N. Abberley, W. A. Bourne, *A. C. Smith, R. G. D. Willis and D. J. Brown did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—46, 2—68, 3—108, 4—198.

BOWLING: Graham, 9—2—18—0; Shepherd, 20—[illegible]—56—0; Johnson, 2[illegible]—27—2; Woolmer, 11—[illegible]—1; Rowe, 18—[illegible]—1; Graham-Brown, 7—2—17—0; Luckhurst, [illegible]—0; Tavare, 1—[illegible]—0.

KENT: First Innings

B. W. Luckhurst, b Willis	7
G. W. Johnson, l-b-w, b Hemmings	158
M. C. Cowdrey, c Murray, b Brown	29
†D. Nicholls, l-b-w, b Brown	0
R. A. Woolmer, b Brown	28
A. G. E. Ealham, c Bourne, b Willis	[illegible]
J. N. Shepherd, c Jameson, b Hemmings	[illegible]
C. Tavare, c Murray, b Brown	[illegible]
C. Rowe, c Bourne, b Hemmings	[illegible]
J. Graham-Brown, c Kallicharran, b Hemmings	7
J. N. Graham, not out	0
Extras (b 7, lb 6, nb 9)	22
Total (109.2 overs)	296

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—12, [illegible], 10—296.

BOWLING: Willis, 22—5—58—2; Brown, 30—12—57—4; Bourne, 12—2—32—0; Smith, 10—1—31—0; Hemmings, 27.2—[illegible]—4; Gardom, 2—[illegible].

Umpires: H. D. Bird and W. L. Budd.

Under-25 competition

LUTTERWORTH: Worcestershire 191 *for 9 (37 overs); Leicestershire 28 for 2* (10 overs). Worcestershire won on faster rate.

Today's cricket

LORD'S: England v Pakistan (11.30 to 6.30).
BURTON-ON-TRENT: Derbyshire v Glamorgan (11.30 to 7.0).
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire (11.0 to 6.30).
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Lancashire (11.0 to 6.30).
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Kent (11.30 to 7.0).
WELLINGBOROUGH: Northamptonshire v Essex (11.30 to 7.0).
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Surrey (11.30 to 7.0).
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Somerset (11.0 to 7.0).
LEEDS: Yorkshire v Sussex (11.0 to 6.30).

OTHER MATCHES
AYR: Scotland v Ireland (11.30 to 6.30).
WEYBRIDGE: England Youth XI v West Indies Youth XI.

MINOR COUNTIES
MARLOW: Buckinghamshire v Hertfordshire.
EXETER: Devon v Dorset.

Tomorrow

JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE (2.0 to 6.30):
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Middlesex.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire.
NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire.
TORQUAY: Somerset v Lancashire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Glamorgan.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Sussex.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Essex.
LEEDS: Yorkshire v Kent.

OTHER MATCH
AYR: Scotland v Ireland [illegible].

MINOR COUNTIES
EXETER: Devon v Dorset.
OXTON: Cheshire v Staffordshire.
CHESHAM: Buckinghamshire v Oxfordshire.
CLEETHORPES: Lincolnshire v Cambridgeshire.
OSWESTRY: Shropshire v Bedfordshire.
PENRITH: Cumberland v Durham.

TV highlights

BBC 1

Cricket: England v Pakistan (11.30, 2.20, about 3.15).
Football: Preview (1.35).
Racing: Haydock Park races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45.
Golf: Colegate women's tournament (1.30, about 3.15).
Athletics: Crystal Palace meeting (2.50, about 3.15)
Football: Leeds v Liverpool (10.15).

BBC 2

Cricket: England v Pakistan (4.30).

BBC 2 tomorrow

Cricket: Surrey v Glamorgan (2.0)

IBA

Equestrian: Dublin Show (12.35).
Swimming: Los Angeles meeting (about 12.30).
Racing: Newmarket races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Redcar races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45.
Speedway: World team cup (3.10).
Wrestling: Elstree promotion (4.0).

IBA tomorrow

Football: Texaco Cup (1.55).

Football

Back to square one with the new big tw

By Geoffrey Green
Football Correspondent

When Leeds United, the league champions, and Liverpool, the FA Cup holders, march out at Wembley Stadium this afternoon to play for the FA Charity Shield (the first time it has been held at the national stadium), two important figures, for so long the *embodiment of each club*, will be missing at the head of each column of players.

For a change, both men will be sitting in the stands, doubtless still deeply *involved* from a distance, each turning over his nostalgic memories of the past decade and more, when they took these clubs to the top of the domestic pile. I refer to Don Revie, lately of Leeds and now England's manager in succession to Sir Alf Ramsey, and to Bill Shankly, the James Cagney of the north, who recently shocked Merseyside by announcing his retirement.

In their places will be Brian Clough, a man always ready to chance his arm in any direction, and Bob Paisley, a quiet, faithful, but shrewd colleague *of* Mr Shankly, who has given the major part of his life to Liverpool, over a quarter of a century as player, trainer, coach and latterly as *assistant manager. Both face a* big challenge in having to follow the giant footsteps of their predecessors.

While Liverpool have announced their 11—with Boersma in attack because of an injury to Kennedy, their new acquisition from Arsenal, and the absence of Toshack with a virus infection—Leeds will choose from a party of 16. The doubts here surround Clarke and Madeley, who are under treatment for knocks received against Aston Villa in midweek.

In the Leeds platoon is their new £250,000 forward from Nottingham Forest, the talented McKenzie who, says Mr Clough, will not start the game, but may well come on as a substitute. It will be interesting, too, whether Cooper, England's left back in the World Cup of 1970, has recovered sufficiently from a badly broken leg two years ago to regain his place in the Yorkshire side.

For the rest, it will probably be back to square one of last spring when both sides were again challenging for major honours—in other words, another tight struggle between the two most experienced teams in the country.

LEEDS UNITED (from): D. Harvey, J. Stewart; P. Reaney, T. Cherry, T. Cooper, W. Bremner, G. McQueen, N. Hunter, P. Lorimer, A. Clarke, J. Jordan, J. Giles, P. Madeley, E. Gr Bates, D. McKenzie.

LIVERPOOL: R. Clemen Smith, P. Thompson, E. H A. Lindsay, B. Hall, I. Call P. Cormack, K. Keegan, S. way, P. Boersma.

Today's footb

CHARITY SHIELD: Leeds U Liverpool (Wembley, 3.0).
TEXACO CUP: First round: borough United v West Br Albion (3.0); Birmingham Norwich City (3.0); Southamp West Ham United (3.0); Or Luton Town (3.0); Sheffield U Blackpool (3.0); Manchester Oldham Athletic (3.0); Carlisle v Sunderland (3.0); Newcastle v Middlesbrough (3.0).
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: ton v Clyde (3.0); Partick Th Arbroath United (3.0); Hiber Rangers (3.0); St Johnstone v (3.0); Aberdeen v Heart of Mid (3.0); Dunfermline Athletic v (3.0); Celtic v Motherwell Dundee United v Ayr United Hamilton Academicals v Rangers (3.0); Raith Rovers v of the South (3.0); Kilmarn Montrose (3.0); Queen's Stranraer (3.0); Airdrieonia Clydebank (3.0); St Mirren v Albion (3.0); Alloa Athletic Fife (3.0); Falkirk v Cowde (3.0); Brechin City v Stenhou (3.0); Forfar Athletic v East St shire (3.0).

Yesterday's results

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: bank Thistle 0, Albion Rovers 1.
OTHER MATCHES: Kingston Luton Town XI 1; Ilford 0, West United (3, 0).

Tennis

Britain concede only 12 games to Austri

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Britain, the holders, conceded only 12 games in beating Austria 5—0, in the Princess Sofia Cup competition, a tennis event for girls who were under 18 at the beginning of the year, at Walton-on-Thames yesterday. Today Britain play the large and healthy Swedes. The winners, like those in two other eliminating groups competing in Germany and Yugoslavia, will join Spain (who initiated the competition and play host at its climax) in the semi-final and final rounds at Gandia, near Valencia, on August 16 and 17.

Romania won the first competition, in 1972. But Britain secured the trophy last year, beating the Romanians on the way. Britain's team is essentially unchanged and a year more mature so the trophy should be retained. The 12 nations competing this year are all European. Mexico entered but later withdrew. At the moment it looks as though the pairings in Gandia will be Britain v Romania or Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia v Spain.

Nature did not design the terrain of Austria for a lavish network of tennis courts. But in 1970 Austria, winning 3—2 at Edinburgh, became the first team for 20 years to beat Britain in the first round of the Davis Cup competition. Yesterday's fixture could be regarded as deferred and modest compensation for that embarrassment. But in every other way this was a lamentable day's tennis from a competitive point of view. The relatively inexperienced Austrians were not even good enough to serve as decent sparring partners. The quality of the contest lay beyond the scope of serious criticism.

RESULTS: Miss L. Cottrell beat Miss B. Spreitzer, [illegible]; Miss J. Cottrell beat Miss U. Cirkl, 6—1, [illegible]; Miss B. Thompson beat K. Glemmelsbaur, 6—1, 6—0; [illegible] Barker beat Miss L. Gellgoy, [illegible]; Miss Barker and Miss [illegible] beat Miss Gellgoy and Miss [illegible].

EASTBOURNE: National [illegible] championships: Boys' under-12 [illegible]: M. J. Bates (Surrey) beat S. I. [illegible] (Buckinghamshire), [illegible]. [illegible] under-14 final: M. V. Taylor [illegible] beat D. C. M. Atkinson [illegible]. Boys' under-14 doubles final: D. C. M. Atkinson [illegible] and T. A. Morgan [illegible] beat S. Edmondson (Buckinghamshire) and M. C. Watts (Berkshire), [illegible]. Boys' under-16 doubles [illegible]: M. D. Grave (Middlesex) and [illegible] (Derbyshire) beat G. [illegible] and M. R. West [illegible]. Girls' [illegible] final: S. L. Gracie (Hampshire) [illegible] D. E. A. Taylor (Bedfordshire) [illegible]. Girls' under-14 final: [illegible] Jevans (Essex) beat [illegible] (Buckinghamshire), [illegible]. Girls' under-16 final: M. Tyler [illegible] beat C. A. Leatham (Surrey), [illegible]. Boys' under-16 final: [illegible] (Lancashire) beat P. [illegible]. Girls' [illegible] doubles final: D. A. Jevans and D. S. Parker (Kent) beat [illegible] (Lincolnshire) and [illegible] (Surrey), [illegible]. Girls' [illegible] doubles final: C. A. Leatham [illegible] and M. Tyler (Kent) beat L. [illegible] (Yorkshire) and [illegible] (Berkshire), 6—1, 7—5.

Boxing

Conteh's chance as Foster loses title

Mexico City, Aug 9.—The World Boxing Council (WBC) today stripped Bob Foster, of the United States, of the world light-heavyweight title he has held since 1968.

The WBC president, Ramon Velasquez, said Foster had been stripped of his crown for failing to sign contracts for a title defence against the top contender, John Conteh, of Britain. Mr Velasquez said Conteh, the British, European and Commonwealth champion, and Jorge Ahumada, of Argentina, would clash for the vacant title. Ahumada drew with Foster in a title challenge in Albuquerque last June.

Croquet

HURLINGHAM: Silver Jubilee [illegible] Draw: Fourth round: J. O. Read [illegible] G. Martin (+22); H. J. Read [illegible] Mrs E. Wells (+16); H. G. [illegible] beat Mrs R. E. Brassey [illegible]. Fourth round: Bolton beat [illegible] Mrs F. J. Russell [illegible] W. Solomon (+20) [illegible] S. Townsend [illegible] Read beat Mrs Wells [illegible].
NOTTINGHAM: [illegible] Trophy: Great Britain 6, New [illegible] Great Britain names first [illegible] Aspinall lost to J. G. Prince [illegible] W. de B. Prichard [illegible] M. Anderson +17, +16, +17. [illegible] beat G. C. Anderson [illegible].

Leading first class cricket averages

Batting

	Inns	No	R	HI	Ave
B. A. Richards	31	[illegible]	1,108	225	[illegible]
D. Lloyd	19	1	[illegible]	214*	[illegible]
J. M. Edrich	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
C. H. Lloyd	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	17[illegible]*	[illegible]
J. A. Jameson	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,40[illegible]	240*	53.70
D. L. Amiss	26	[illegible]	1,20[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
R. T. Virgin	31	[illegible]	1,17[illegible]	144*	[illegible]
R. B. Kanhai	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	213	52.00
G. Boycott	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,28[illegible]	160*	[illegible]
J. M. Brierley	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	175*	[illegible]
B. L. D'Oliveira	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
B. F. Davison	30	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
M. J. Harris	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
G. M. Turner	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,001	202*	[illegible]
M. J. Smith	31	[illegible]	1,207	170	[illegible]
P. J. Watts	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
G. S. Sobers	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	150	[illegible]
Sadiq Mohammad	28	1	1,098	[illegible]	[illegible]
Majid Khan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
R. G. A. Headley	25	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
J. Storey	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
R. D. V. Knight	[illegible]	[illegible]	1,10[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
J. K. Smith	30	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	32.00

* Signifies not out

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Av
G. G. Arnold	421	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
A. M. E. Roberts	508.4	[illegible]	1,27[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
C. M. Old	418	115	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
R. Illingworth	458.1	175	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
V. A. Holder	509.5	117	1,122	[illegible]	[illegible]
M. N. S. Taylor	486	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
M. J. Procter	247.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
S. Turner	538.4	142	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
A. L. Robinson	298.5	85	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sarfraz Nawaz	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
M. Hendrick	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
R. A. Woolmer	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
H. R. Moseley	[illegible]	151	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mushtaq Mohammad	[illegible]	86	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
R. D. Jackman	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
B. M. Brain	410.1	102	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
D. J. Brown	420.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
A. Ward	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
R. G. D. Willis	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
G. D. McKenzie	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
J. A. Snow	415.1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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Old Lucky should get the better of his familiar rivals

Jim Snow

nly Maestro Please in the field 13 for the £8,000 William Hill d Cup at Redcar, the top prize oday's four meetings, has failed *vin this season*. This emphasizes open character of this handicap over the straight mile. It is efore a race to be approached caution. In taking Old Lucky win from Caius and the bottom ght Barsheba, the mount of the *erienced and strong lightweight* . Parkes, I have the uncomforte feeling that Gloss, Sky Messer, or Long Row might be the e to fight out the finish.

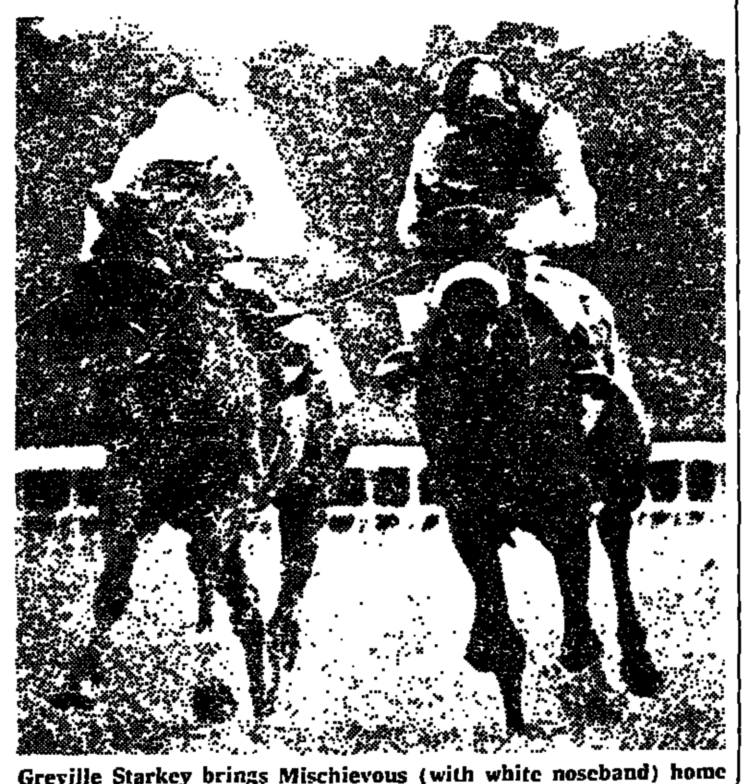
hat the sponsors, William Hill, r 6-1 the field, putting in Sky ssenger at this price as ourite, when there are only 13 ners, shows how open the race In selecting Old Lucky as the bable winner for Bernard van sem's stable, successful nine s ago in the race with Manius, I am relying on his form Royal Ascot in June when he William Carson a victory by lengths in the Royal Hunt Cup n Fabled Diplomat and Anak aysia.

he field at Ascot numbered and Old Lucky had behind him afternoon, Galiano in fourth e, Long Row fifth, and Pontam nth. These three horses meet again, but although they have ight advantage in the weights, ay not be enough for them to erse the form of the Royal t Cup.

aius, aged eight, soldiers on h spirit and enthusiasm, judged his form this season. He won race in 1971 with 8st 3lb, now 1lb less, and meets Long-Row 8lb better terms for a gth and a half defeat in a 000 handicap at Ayr a month . According to his trainer, ius is at the peak of his form.

arsheba comes up from Wiln *Stephenson's Royston stable* h the impressive record of four tories in her last five appearces. She has an excellent each chance, but Old Lucky, bred France, and Caius might be just fast for her.

William Carson, *in hot pursuit* Piggott, Eddery and Hide, may two other races at Redcar, Sinnington Stakes with Snow ap and the Fox Hunters Handion Bajour. Carson stays up in north to ride at Newcastle on nday and *Tuesday, a pleasant* ange for him from Newmarket ce he was born over the border.



Greville Starkey brings Mischievous (with white noseband) home to win the Mapleton Plate at Lingfield Park yesterday.

At Newmarket's charity meeting aid of arthritis and rheumatism search, Robert Armstrong, ose horses are back in top m after a quiet spell because the virus, may have two succses with Pot Luck in the Hot-ot Handicap and Great Brother in the Child Stakes. Reformed Character comes down from Denys Smith's County Durham stable to carry top weight in the *Junior* Trust Handicap. Lester Piggott rides this northern four year-old, beaten a length in the Warren Stakes at Goodwood by Calaba, and the form looks good enough to make him first choice.

Pot Luck was a winner at New*market on July 20 and again over* the course on August 3, and he should bring off a third win at Newmarket in the Hotfoot Handicap. Another winner for Piggott may be Shek-o in the J. R. Hindley Stakes, sponsored by Mrs Hindley whose son Jeremy, may provide the danger with Misoptimist.

At Haydock Park Peter Easterby's Immortal Knight may find Rock Signal and the top weight Flintham, the dangers in the big race, the £4,000 Standish Handicap. Polly Peachum, trained by his brother Michael, placed three times and a winner once in her last four races, may be the best selection for the Yellow Pages Handicap.

At *Lingfield Park* Noel Murless and Geoffrey Lewis will be disappointed if they do not achieve a double in the first two races with Captain's Escort (2.0) and Shallow Stream (2.30). Starlit Night on her third at Ascot in June to Ouija appeals most in the Leigh Handicap.

Dick Hern, whose star performers, Buoy and Bustino, will be in action later this month, saw one of the lesser lights of his team, Harmonise, beat the much fancied Velvella in the Southern Plate at Lingfield Park yesterday.

Hern has no immediate plans for Lord Rotherwick's home-bred filly but forecasts she will stay a mile and a half as a three-year-old. Hern, who was subsequently fined £25 because Harmonise had nails protruding from her fore-shoes, reported that Bustino will contest the Great Voltigeur Stakes at York on August 21, his last outing before the St Leger, and that Buoy's next objective is the Grand Prix de Deauville four days later.

STATE OF GOING (official): Lingfield Park: Good. Newmarket: Good. Redcar: Good to firm. Haydock Park: Good to firm. Bath (Monday): Good to firm. Newcastle (Monday): Good. Nottingham (Monday): Good. Windsor (Monday): Good to firm (watering). Southwell (Monday): Good to firm (watered).

Straight mile with one obstacle for Piggott

From Pierre Guillot
French Racing Correspondent
Deauville, Aug 9

Sunday's Prix Jacques le Marois over the straight mile here will see the first appearance of the 2,000 Guineas winner Nonoalco, since his failure when favourite for the Derby. He was ridden in his three races this year by Yves St Martin and Philippe Paquet, but will have Lester Piggott as jockey here because St Martin is claimed for Daniel Wildenstein's selection of El Rastro, Lianga or Liloy.

It will be the first time that Piggott has ridden Nonoalco since his narrow defeat by Mississipian in the Grand Criterium. On that *occasion* he was racing round a turn for the first time and his Derby defeat was his only subsequent attempt on such a course.

Nonoalco's principal rival will be Margouillat, whose two races this year have resulted in victory over Admetus and Toujours Pret in the Prix Dollar and a one-length defeat by Allez-France in the Prix d'Ispahan. His trainer, Robert de Mony-Pajol, who has considerable problems in placing this horse, says he would prefer to face Nonoalco over one mile than Allez-France over *10 furlongs*, and Margouillat is my selection to justify this policy.

There are other useful runners in the Jacques le Marois. The older horses include Ace of Aces, who won the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood, El Toro, *Pebblebrook and* Bon Roi, first, second and fourth in the Prix Messidor, and the Eclipse Stakes winner, Coup de Feu, but Coup de Feu has a minor infection and no decision will be taken on his participation until tomorrow morning.

Another stable waiting until tomorrow is that of Angel Penna. He will probably be represented by El Rastro, who gained his revenge over his Lockinge Stakes conqueror, Boldboy, in the Prix de la Porte Maillot. Penna's alternatives are Lianga, who won last Sunday's Prix Maurice de Gheest, and Liloy, who finished fourth to El Toro in the Messidor but was disqualified after his rider forgot to weight in.

Other three-year-olds include the Italian colt, Mannsfeld, who won the Prix Eugene Adam on his last visit to France, defeating Northern Gem and Northern Taste. On that occasion, Mannsfeld, who led throughout, was *giving weight to the whole field, but* tomorrow's race is at weight for age and he must have a fine chance. The only certain English runner, Averof, seems to have lost the top-class form that he showed in June and is unlikely to prove a danger.

The main supporting race is the Prix Psyche, a 10-furlong event for fillies. The principal contenders are Peace and Concorde and Capaddia, fourth in the Oaks and Prix de Diane respectively. Peace and Concorde reappeared here last Saturday, finishing *second to Gay Style over one mile*, but Capaddia has not raced since staying on strongly behind Highclere at Chantilly. That was only her second race and she is given preference over *Peace and Concorde*. Cheryl and Jeanne de Rethel. However she fares tomorrow, the daughter of St Paddy is an excellent prospect for the Prix Vermeille and the other big autumn fillies' prizes at Longchamp.

PRIX JACQUES LE MAROIS (tomorrow) (Group I) : £22,727 : 1m)

00-1561 El Toro, J. Audon, 6-9-2 ... G. Doleuze
111201 Ace of Aces, M. Zilber, 4-9-2 ... P. Cook
0000-12 Margouillat, R. de Mony-Pajol, 4-9-2 ... G. Rivases
400002 *Pebblebrook, J. Cunnington*, 4-9-2 ... —
0-01044 Bon Roi, M. Maschio, 4-9-2 ... S. Leonardos
202421 Some Crack, F. Palmer, 4-9-2 ... W. Pyers
252131 * Coup de Feu, D. Sasse, 5-9-3 ... P. Eddery
42-1121 El Rastro, A. Penna, 4-9-2 ... —
0-10310 L'Inconnu, M. Bonaventure, 3-8-7 ... R. Litt
112-110 Nonoalco, F. Boutin, 3-8-7 ... L. Piggott
1-11011 Mannsfeld, A. Hide, 3-8-7 ... M. Andreucci
121104 Averof, C. Brittain, 3-8-7 ... B. Taylor
01-3140 Liloy, A. Penna, 3-8-7 ... —
1-1403 Northern Taste, J. Cunnington, 3-8-7 ... J. C. Desaint
14-101 Lianga, A. Penna, 3-8-4 ... —

5-2 Capaddia, 4-1 Peace and Concorde, 5-1 Cheryl, 6-1 Deesse du Val, Paulista, 8-1 Rehabilitation, 12-1 Lady Rebecca, Tropical Cream, 20-1 others.
* Doubtful runner.

PRIX DE PSYCHE (tomorrow) : (3-y-o : fillies : £7,273 : 1¼m)

041000 Tropical Cream, P. Lallie, 9-2 ... J. P. Lefevre
11000 Lady Rebecca, C. Milbank, 9-2 ... G. Doleuze
1-10000 Paddy's Princess, E. Bartholomew, 9-2 ... —
1004-31 Paulista, A. Penna, 9-2 ... —
0-0100 Instancia, J. P. Ippen, 9-0 ... M. Philipperon
1-04242 Peace and Concorde, G. Bridgland, 8-13 ... Y. Josse
21-2241 Rehabilitation, M. Clement, 8-12 ... —
21-2100 Timolina, F. Boutin, 8-12 ... P. Paquet
14 Capaddia, R. Poincelet, 8-9 ... G. Rivases
1 Lady Roussel, A. de Murga, 8-9 ... —
1022 Jeanne de Rethel, F. Mathet, 8-9 ... H. Samani
0-03003 Gramy, E. Chevalier du Fau, 8-9 ... A. Lequeux
0-0010 Sermons in Stones, Private, 8-9 ... J. C. Desaint
1 Deesse du Val, J. M. de Choubersky, 8-9 ... —
3-13022 Cheryl, F. Palmer, 8-9 ... —

2-1 Nonoalco, 3-1 El Rastro, Lianga, Liloy, 5-1 Mannsfeld, 7-1 Margouillat, 10-1 Northern Taste, 12-1 Ace of Aces, El Toro, Pebblebrook, 20-1 others.

Horse trials

British girl is No 1 junior in Europe

Rome, Aug 9.—A brilliant clear round on her 12-year-old horse *Peer Gynt brought Sheila Ker, of* Britain the European junior three-day event championship here today. The clear round gave Miss Ker a two point lead over Thierry Estève, of France, who held the lead after the dressage and cross-country sections when the competitors went into the show jumping ring today.

The team prize went to West Germany, with Ireland as runners-up. Another British girl, Joanna Winter, took the bronze medal in *the individual championship. She* also scored a clear round today on Stainless Steel.

INDIVIDUAL: 1, Peer Gynt (Miss S. Ker, GB), 62.67pts; 2, Urgel (T. Estève, France), 64.67pts; 3, Stainless Steel (Miss J. Winter, GB), 72.54pts; 4, Teletaip (A. Zhibaltic, USSR), 75pts; 5 Fidelio (F. Otto, West Germany), 76pts; 6, Voltigeur II (Miss M. Sciocchetti, Italy), 76pts. Team: 1, West Germany, 258.74pts; 2, Ireland, 317.34pts; 3, USSR, 369.38pts; 4, France, 719.48pts; 5, Italy, 745.67pts; 6, Great Britain, 1,157.24pts; 7, Bulgaria, 1,283.49pts.

Squash rackets

JOHANNESBURG: South Africa amateur championships: Semi-final round: P. Avion (GB) beat D. Botha, 9—5, 9—5, 8—10, 9—1; S. Machet beat D. Barrow, 3—9, 9—7, 9—4, 9—5.

Show jumping

Britain win without a fence being touched

From Pamela Macgregor-Morris
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Britain retained the Aga Khan trophy for show jumping here this afternoon, and although the total score was three-quarters of a time *fault rather than last year's record* of zero, victory was achieved without a fence being touched by the best three of the team of four in each round.

Harvey Smith achieved a double clear round on Salvador, Tony Newbery and Warwick III had only half a time fault in their first round before going clear in the second. David Broome's sole error on Sportsman came at the water in the second innings, and though Peter Robeson and Grebe had a *disastrous early passage for 12* faults, they redeemed themselves with a clear round which won the day for Britain.

West Germany finished second on four faults, incurred by Paul Schockemöhle on Agent, with both *his brother Alwin on Rex the* Robber and Hartwig Steenken with Simona jumping double clear rounds. The United States finished third on 7¼ faults with double clear rounds by Buddy Brown on Sandsablaze and Rodney Jenkins on Idle Dice. Ireland were fourth with 24.

Britain have further increased their lead in the President's Cup, the world team championship, and with 33 points to West Germany's 29 (the score after the Prince of Wales Cup in London was 25 to 28) will stretch the home side to the limit at Aachen on September 15. The next meeting is at Rotterdam later this month.

The 14 fences included a treble and a final double and produced a competition in which the suspense was sustained until the end. West Germany led at half-time with a zero score, but Britain were only half a fault behind, and the United States were tying with the home team on 7¼. In the second round the Americans rallied for a no-fault score. West Germany had four and the Irish team, in spite of a clear round with only three-quarters of a time fault for Ned Campion on Garrai Eoin deteriorated.

When Sportsman was in the water, Robeson had to go clear for a British victory and after three mistakes in the first round it was anybody's guess whether he would be able to pull it off. But Robeson can always be depended upon in a Nation's Cup, and he rode true to form. With a mere quarter of a time fault, he enabled Britain to win the Aga Khan Trophy, won outright in 1953, for the tenth time since the war.

AGA KHAN TROPHY: 1, Great Britain (¾ fault); 2, West Germany (4); 3, United States (7¼); 4, Ireland (24).

Southwell NH programme

2.30 BARNBY OPPORTUNITY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : £204 : 2m 74yds)

1 03122-3 Amigris, 8-12-0 ... A. Grisdale 7
4 01f13-0 * Frozen Forecast (CD), 6-11-7 ... —
5 44f20-2 China Garden, 8-11-5 ... V. Percival
6 401ff0- Nom de Guerre (C), 12-11-2 R. Dickin
8 0ff0p- * Super Phoenix, 8-10-10 ... —
9 4ppap0- Thundergay, 7-10-7 ... S. Davies 7
10 pt- Ocean Spray, 11-10-7 ... P. Barton
11 f3431-0 Walden Rights, 9-10-7 ... S. Wiles 3

11-10 Amigris, 9-4 China Green, 9-2 Nom de Guerre, 6-1 Walden Rights, 20-1 Ocean Spray, Thundergay.

3.0 NEW SEASON HURDLE (Handicap : £200 : 2m)

1 00- Royal Cornet, 4-12-2 ... P. Buckley
2 p-0 Mowenko, 7-12-0 ... J. O'Neil
3 p0000- Caleys Harvest, 7-11-13 ... I. Watkinson
4 00pu0p Small Customer, 8-11-6 ... J. James
5 Taybar, 8-11-1 ... D. Bickell 7
6 404010- Djebway (D), 14-11-1 ... P. James
8 Leemaster, 10-10-8 ... G. Edmunds 5
10 Game Runner, 6-10-0 ... K. McCauley

7-4 Djebway, 3-1 Leemaster, 4-1 Mowenko, 6-1 Game Runner, 10-1 Caleys Harvest, 20-1 others

3.30 POPULAR HURDLE (Handicap : £340 : 2½m)

1 020p2- Strong Heart (C), 6-11-1 ... A. Turnell
2 000401- Hurry Back, 8-11-0 ... Mr Craggs 7
3 341030- Gay Coronet (D), 8-10-13 Mr Greenall 5
4 101000- Hard Cash, 5-10-13 ... R. Evans
5 13322-0 *Persian Room (D)*, 4-10-8 ... G. Holmes
6 32000-0 Mon Bleu, 8-10-8 ... Mr Tinkler 7
7 002f1f- Whisky Dewar (C), 9-10-8 ... A. Webber
8 00043-3 Europleasure, 6-10-7 ... R. Crank
9 00021- Meritorious (C), 4-10-7 ... S. Taylor
10 000023- Bud, 7-10-5 ... J. Burke
11 1fp04- Drumdella, 6-10-3 ... J. O'Neill
12 03211-0 Dites Donc, 5-10-0 ... K. McCauley
13 3210f- Yolancar, 4-10-0 ... M. Gifford
14 000-0 Misty Island, 6-10-0 ... E. McQuade 7
15 00031-0 *Atmosphere* (C), 4-10-0 ... C. *Tinkler*

3-1 Meritorious, 4-1 Hurry Back, 9-2 Strong Heart, 6-1 Bud, 7-1 Whisky Dewar, 8-1 Drumdella, 10-1 Europleasure, Dites Donc, 20-1 others.

4.0 CLAYPOLE STEEPLECHASE (£170 : 2m 74yds)

1 4043-11 Knotty Problem, 7-12-11 ... M. Blackshaw
2 002f-00 Court Shield, 6-11-5 ... Mr Gray 7
3 04440-2 Dirty Habit, 10-11-5 ... D. Atkins
4 fu04-uf Irish Hospitality, 8-11-5 ... N. Clay 5
5 pupff3- Stanwick Park, 6-11-5 ... V. Percival 5

1-2 Knotty Problem, 5-2 Dirty Habit, 10-1 Stanwick Park, 20-1 others.

4.30 TUXFORD HURDLE (Div I : £170 : 2m)

1 300000- Alf's Pleasure, 5-11-5 ... R. Crank
2 0p- Blaway, 6-11-5 ... J. Kerley 7
3 Challoner, 6-11-5 ... A. Webber
4 0 Persian Harvest, 6-11-5 ... K. McCauley
6 2000-03 Conscot, 4-11-0 ... N. Clay 5
7 00- Jane Again, 4-11-0 ... S. Taylor
8 p00p22- Misty Dream, 4-11-0 ... R. Weaver
9 00024- Money Factory, 4-11-0 ... J. Glover

6-4 Misty Dream, 5-2 Conscot, 4-1 Money Factory, 8-1 Alf's Pleasure, 12-1 Persian Harvest, 16-1 others.

5.0 TUXFORD HURDLE (Div II : £170 : 2m)

1 00000-3 Frigid Frolic, 7-11-5 ... N. Clay 5
3 0- Time Out, 5-11-5 ... W. Shoemark
4 0 Tunbridge Lad, 6-11-5 ... G. Edmunds 5
5 u-3 Archello, 4-11-0 ... S. Holland
6 pp0422- Arthurs Choice, 4-11-0 ... Mr Tinkler 7
7 f000- Aston George, 4-11-0 ... P. Buckley
8 0002-4 Baladino, 4-11-0 ... M. Blackshaw
10 Confiliation, 4-11-0 ... R. Weaver
11 022-3 Noble Gesture, 4-11-0 ... M. Gifford
12 00pp0-4 Plunger, 4-11-0 ... S. Taylor
14 02300-0 Turalini, 4-11-0 ... J. Scallan 3

7-4 Noble Gesture, 7-2 Frigid Frolic, 4-1 Archello, 11-2 Arthurs Choice, 7-1 Baladino, 10-1 Plunger, 20-1 others.

Southwell selections

2.30 Amigris. 3.0 Djebway. 3.0 Strong Heart. 4.0 Dirty Habit. 4.30 Misty Dream. 5.0 Frigid Frolic.

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elevision (IBA) : 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

45 BEDALE STAKES (2-y-o : £538 : 7f)

03 Aries King, C. Crossley, 8-11 ... L. Couthwaite 7 1
030430 Bills Folly, L. Shedden, 8-11 ... G. Cadwaladr 2
0000 Hello Sailor, K. Payne, 8-11 ... T. Lappin 10
0 High Jinks, M. Prescott, 8-11 ... G. Duffield 7
00 Homburg, K. Payne, 8-11 ... E. Marshall 8
000000 Say Blast II, J. Hardy, 8-11 ... C. Moss 9
0000 Bank House, R. C. Ward, 8-8 ... J. Higgins 11
4100 Brooklyn, J. W. Watts, 8-8 ... E. Hide 3
444 Hod On, Hbt. Jones, 8-8 ... M. Thomas 12
000 Indian Bloom, J. Etherington, 8-8 ... F. Durr 5
004 Marwood Queen, M. H. Easterby, 8-8 ... W. Carson 6
004 Sceadda, S. Wainwright, 8-8 ... 4

7-4 Brooklyn, 4-1 Sceadda, 11-2 Hod On, High Jinks, 8-1 Bills Folly, 10-1 Say Blast II, Marwood Queen, 12-1 Homburg, Aries King, 14-1 Hello Sailor, 20-1 others.

.15 BASS ROSEBOWL HANDICAP (£1,249 : 6f)

0-02000 Tudenham (D), Denys Smith, 4-9-4 ... M. Gorcham 3
0-03011 Silleys Maid (D), M. Stoute, 4-8-13 ... E. Hide 2
2-00200 Burwell (D), M. W. Easterby, 3-8-10 ... J. Buchanan 7 7
100-004 Three Sevens (CD), I. Walker, 7-8-7 ... G. Baxter 6
010323 Peter Carl (CD), W. Payne, 5-8-6 ... B. Connorton 9
021103 *Pal Dan* (CD), H. Blackshaw, 4-7-10 ... — 4
0-00201 Great Charter (D), R. Jarvis, 6-7-10 ... M. Thomas 5
000000 Moor Lane (D), C. Crossley, 6-7-7 ... S. Salmon 5 1
000020 Gold Tipped, F. Freeman, 4-7-7 ... W. Carson 8

7-2 Peter Carl, 4-1 Silleys Maid, 11-2 Tudenham, Great Charter, 13-2 Pal an, 9-1 Burwell, 10-1 Gold Tipped, 12-1 others.

45 WILLIAM HILL GOLD CUP HANDICAP (£7,437 : 1m)

011d00 Gloss (D), T. Corbett, 4-9-6 ... M. Thomas 1
0-31040 Galiano (D), B. Hills, 5-9-4 ... G. Snook 7 12
0-00313 Old Lucky (D), B. van Cutsem, 4-9-1 ... W. Carson 13
310340 My Drifter (D), J. Sutcliffe, Jun, 4-9-2 ... F. Durr 4
000-001 Long Row (D), R. Jarvis, 4-9-8 ... E. Hide 2
012017 Pontam (D), C. Brittain, 5-9-1 ... M. Kettle 11
0-00001 Dawlish, E. Cousins, 3-8-7 ... G. Cadwaladr 5
3-33121 Caius (CD), T. Fairhurst, 8-8-3 ... R. Elliott 10
3-13420 Sky Messenger (D), Denys Smith, 4-8-2 ... M. Gorcham 9
10-1214 Boswellia (C) (D), J. Oxley, 3-8-0 ... D. Cullen 3
04003 Maestro Please, R. Hannon, 3-7-13 ... 6
234210 Fiery Cola (CD), D. Williams, 4-7-9 ... S. Salmon 7 7
012111 Barsheba (D), W. Stephenson, 4-7-7 ... L. Parkes 8

9-2 Sky Messenger, Gloss, 6-1 Caius, Long Row, 7-1 Galiano, 8-1 Old Lucky, 0-1 Barsheba, 11-1 My Drifter, Pontam, 14-1 Dawlish, 16-1 others.

15 GOATHLAND STAKES (2-y-o : £488 : 5f)

00 Bold Light, J. Hardy, 9-0 ... C. Moss 7
0430 Clintwood, W. A. Stephenson, 9-0 ... T. Kelsey 4
000002 The Ings, J. Calvert, 9-0 ... S. Freeman 7 2
0 Jamie Boy, Denys Smith, 9-0 ... M. Gorcham 6
43 Jester's Park, P. Rohan, 9-0 ... P. Miers 5
243 Le Baudrier, C. Bewicke, 9-0 ... J. Reid 7 3
0 The Papastan, J. Sutcliffe, Jun, 9-0 ... F. Durr 9
002422 Silver Tinkle, M. H. Easterby, 9-0 ... E. Hide 1
00 Spring Fling, W. A. Stephenson, 9-0 ... — 8

9-4 Silver Tinkle, 5-2 The Papastan, 7-1 Jester's Park, Le Baudrier, 8-1 amie Boy, Clintwood, 12-1 Bold Light, 14-1 The Ings, 20-1 Spring Fling.

.45 NORTH YORKSHIRE (*Handicap* : £1,033 : 1½m 160yds)

022210 Netherkelly, R. Hollinshead, 4-9-13 ... T. Ives 5
13-0 Ivylor, J. A. Turner, 4-8-13 ... E. Larkin 6
010041 Slip Rule, S. Hall, 4-8-6 ... G. Starkey 4
11-1340 Whispering Grace (C), N. Crump, 11-8-2 ... E. Hide 3
01-0040 Mrs Child, S. Hall, 6-8-1 ... G. Wilkinson 7 1
0-31121 Asset (CD), Miss S. Hall, 3-7-7 ... C. Eccleston 2

7-4 Asset, 11-4 Netherkelly, 9-2 Slip Rule, 11-2 Whispering Grace, 8-1 Mrs hild, 16-1 Ivylor.

.15 SINNINGTON STAKES (3-y-o Maidens : £554 : 1½m)

000000 Hope of Holland, R. Hannon, 9-0 ... M. Kettle 2
0-000 Lirico, R. C. Ward, 9-0 ... J. Higgins 6
Mangal Om, S. Hall, 9-0 ... E. Hide 3
403-040 Gracchus, Miss S. Hall, 8-11 ... D. Wilkinson 7 4
00-0020 Gulf Bird, P. Rohan, 8-11 ... P. Miers 7
0-00 Hip, J. Etherington, 8-11 ... F. Durr 1
00-0000 Rubys Chance, Hbt. Jones, 8-11 ... S. Salmon 5 8
00-0020 Snow Leap, P. Moore, 8-11 ... W. Carson 9
03-402 Tsarkoe Selo, J. Oxley, 8-11 ... G. Starkey 5

3-1 Tsarkoe Selo, 11-4 Snow Leap, 5-1 Gulf Bird, 13-2 Hope of Holland, 8-1 racchus, 12-1 Rubys Chance, 20-1 others.

.45 FOX HUNTERS HANDICAP (3-y-o : £1,182 : 7f)

212-002 Go Go Gunner, I. Walker, 9-2 ... G. Baxter 3
110333 Sindab (D), J. W. Watts, 8-6 ... E. Hide 7
001341 Westport (CD), R. Peacock, 8-5 ... S. Salmon 5 4
30-0000 Kayandjay, L. Shedden, 8-3 ... M. Bray 7
10-0141 Bajour, M. Stoute, 7-13 ... W. Carson 6
0402 Kidogo, S. Hall, 7-7 ... D. Cullen 1
203000 Herbert, J. Etherington, 7-7 ... R. Barker 7 2
030043 Crossover, W. Marshall, 7-7 ... — 8
000000 Highland Perch, J. Calvert, 7-7 ... A. Horrocks 5

11-4 Bajour, 4-1 Westport, 9-2 Sindab, 11-2 Go Go Gunner, 8-1 Kidogo, 0-1 Crossover, 12-1 Herbert, 14-1 others.

Newmarket programme

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0 races]

1.30 CUNNINGHAM HANDICAP (3-y-o : £910 : 1m)

3 0-20031 Arbitrage, J. Hindley, 9-3 ... A. Kimberley 8
5 00-0104 Off Games, P. Cole, 8-12 ... R. Edmondson 6
6 004-000 Fell Swoop, P. Smyth, 8-12 ... J. Egan 3
7 0-100 Bermondo, J. Benstead, 8-11 ... J. Errington 7 2
10 33-4000 Viatique, H. Cecil, 8-9 ... P. Eddery 9
12 000000 Huntingo, G. Balding, 8-8 ... P. Madden 7
14 002-40 Hi Snoop, A. Davison, 8-3 ... C. Williams 5
15 0-03104 Happy Outcome, W. Holden, 8-3 ... P. Tulk 1
18 030302 Royal Sport, P. Robinson, 7-12 ... D. Maitland 4

2-1 Off Games, 100-30 Arbitrage, 9-2 Viatique, 5-1 Royal Sport, 13-2 Bermondo, 8-1 Happy Outcome, 14-1 others.

2.0 HOTFOOT HANDICAP (3-y-o : £2,670 : 1¼m)

1 0-00002 Martyr, B. van Cutsem, 9-2 ... B. Taylor 2
2 342110 One Night Stand (D), H. Cecil, 9-1 ... R. Edmondson 1
3 0012-10 Sinzinbra (D), H. Cottrill, 8-13 ... B. Raymond 8
4 1-01002 Irish Harmony, Doug Smith, 8-11 ... E. Eldin 4
6 02-4211 Pot Luck (C), R. Armstrong, 8-8 ... L. Piggott 10
7 0-2d1 Swell Fellow, J. Hindley, 8-1 ... A. Kimberley 5
8 40-3003 Rediera, P. Robinson, 8-5 ... P. Tulk 7
12 41-3000 Propinquity, G. Harwood, 8-0 ... P. Eddery 3
15 00213 Feather Bonnet, H. Wragg, 7-7 ... R. Wernham 5 9
16 0003-13 Pretty Fast (D), C. P.-Gordon, 7-7 ... D. Maitland 6

3-1 Pot Luck, 9-2 One Night Stand, 5-1 Martyr, 6-1 Irish Harmony, 7-1 Swell Fellow, 8-1 Feather Bonnet, *Sinzinbra, 10-1 Pretty Fast, 12-1 others.*

2.30 BLOODSTOCK AND GENERAL STAKES (2-y-o : £1,160 : 6f)

2 03 Anglian, J. Winter, 9-0 ... B. Taylor 17
3 Devis, J. Hindley, 9-0 ... A. Kimberley 12
5 0 George Cross, Doug Smith, 9-0 ... E. Eldin 2
6 Magnum Force, R. Armstrong, 9-0 ... L. Piggott
7 *Matinee Idol*, G. Harwood, 9-0 ... P. Eddery 5
8 Noble Game, M. Stoute, 9-0 ... — 16
9 *Phantom Town*, C. Brittain, 9-0 ... R. Wernham 5 13
10 02 Ramadour, M. Jarvis, 9-0 ... B. Raymond 3
11 00 Sandy Gallop, P. Robinson, 9-0 ... P. Tulk 18
14 0 Shaba, H. Wragg, 9-0 ... — 9
15 0 Sir Toby, J. Oxley, 9-0 ... M. Giles 7 15
18 Virginia Way, Doug Smith, 9-0 ... S. Richardson 10
19 00 Zipperdi-Doo-Dah, P. Smyth, 9-0 ... E. Egan 14
20 Amy, T. Waugh, 8-11 ... A. Barclay 7
23 0 David's Daughter, G. P-Gordon, 8-11 ... D. Guest 4
24 Elfin Smile, R. Jarvis, 8-11 ... D. Ryan 11
29 000 Pampardella, A. Davison, 8-11 ... C. Williams 6
31 u000 Rare Ground, F. *Byrne*, 8-11 ... R. *Edmondson*

9-4 Ramadour, 7-2 Anglian, 6-1 Matinee Idol, Noble Game, 8-1 Phantom Town, Amy, 10-1 Devis, 14-1 Elfin Smile, 16-1 others.

3.0 CHILD STAKES (2-y-o : £3,206 : 7f)

1 1 Great Brother, R. Armstrong, 9-0 ... L. Piggott 4
3 01 Hipparion (C), G. P.-Gordon, 9-0 ... B. Taylor 2
4 212 Hobnob (CD), H. Wragg, 9-0 ... P. Eddery 1
5 113014 Lord Henham, N. Callaghan, 9-0 ... E. Eldin 3

Evens Great Brother, 5-2 Hipparion, 4-1 Lord Henham, 11-2 Hobnob.

3.30 JUNIOR TRUST HANDICAP (£1,623 : 1½m)

1 440332 Reformed Character (D), Denys Smith, 4-9-5 ... L. Piggott 4
2 110032 King's Equity (D), G. P.-Gordon, 4-8-12 ... B. Taylor 2
3 410-003 Kafka, I. Balding, 4-8-10 ... B. Raymond 5
5 2320-00 Acidity (D), F. Dever, 4-8-4 ... P. Eddery 1
7 121230 Fair Breeze, C. Brittain, 3-7-11 ... R. Wernham 5 3

6-4 *Reformed Character*, 11-4 King's Equity, 4-1 *Kafka*, 5-1 Fair Breeze, 8-1 Acidity.

4.0 J. R. HINDLEY STAKES (2-y-o fillies : £1,676 : 6f)

2 310 Shek-O (D), G. P.-Gordon, 8-13 ... L. Piggott 3
3 10 Midgelina, P. Nelson, 8-8 ... B. Taylor 1
5 0 Angel Row, R. Jarvis, 8-3 ... E. Eldin 5
8 20 Desert Flame, H. Wragg, 8-3 ... E. Eldin 4
9 4 Misoptimist, J. Hindley, 8-3 ... A. Kimberley 2
11 Outrageously, N. Murless, 8-3 ... A. Barclay 7
13 Vetsera, H. Wragg, 8-3 ... P. Madden 6

9-4 Shek-O, 4-1 Misoptimist, Midgelina, 5-1 Outrageously, 8-1 Desert Flame, Angel Row, 14-1 Vetsera.

4.30 DALHAM HALL STUD STAKES (3-y-o : £843 : 1½m)

2 020342 Knight of Medina, J. Hindley, 9-0 ... A. Kimberley 7
3 0-400 Oswaldkirk, N. Murless, 9-0 ... A. Barclay 6
4 Becarbee, P. Moore, 8-11 ... B. Raymond 8
5 0-20400 Irresistible Miss, C. Brittain, 8-11 ... L. Piggott 2
6 000-000 Lomaloma, H. Westbrook, 8-11 ... B. Taylor 5
7 0-0 Mossage, Doug Smith, 8-11 ... E. Eldin 1
8 0-f My Cinderella, C. Brittain, 8-11 ... J. Moriarty 7 4
9 000-0 Perwood, R. Jarvis, 8-11 ... P. Eddery 3

Evens Knight of Medina, 5-2 Oswaldkirk, 5-1 Irresistible Miss, 8-1 Mossage, 10-1 Perwood, 16-1 others.

Newmarket selections

By Our Racing Staff
1.30 Off Games. 2.0 Pot Luck. 2.30 Virginia Way. 3.0 Great Brother. 3.30 REFORMED CHARACTER is specially recommended. 4.0 Shek-O. 4.30 Knight of Medina.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Arbitrage. 2.0 Swell Fellow. 2.30 Noble Game. 3.0 Hobnob. 3.30 King's Equity. 4.0 Misoptimist. 4.30 Oswaldkirk.

Haydock Park programme

[Television (BBC 1): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]

1.45 OLD BOSTON APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£533 : 1m 40yds)

1 0-02324 Unbiased (CD), Doug Smith, 5-8-6 ... P. Turner 7 4
2 304000 Cargen Prince, I. Walker, 4-8-5 ... A. Locke 5 3
4 000010 Brother Somers (C), G. Harwood, 7-8-3 ... K. Smith 7 6
6 000031 Musky Bird, E. Cousins, 4-8-0 ... G. Mullin 5 1
7 0-00030 Landscapor, A. W. Jones, 4-7-7 ... B. Arnold 7 2
8 0-10310 Quick Thinking, W. Haigh, 3-7-7 ... S. Webster 3 7
11 300000 Paveh Princess, R. Mason, 3-7-7 ... N. Brannick 7 5

9-4 Brother Somers, 3-1 Unbiased, 4-1 Musky Bird, 11-2 Cargen Prince, 8-1 Quick Thinking, 10-1 Paveh Princess, 14-1 Landscaper.

2.15 STANDISH HANDICAP (£3,343 : 7f 40yds)

1 024313 Flintham (C), Denys Smith, 5-10-0 ... P. Kelleher 6
2 10220-0 Midsummer Star, M. Masson, 4-9-13 ... A. Bond 5 11
4 1-00100 Rascolnik (C), H. Blagrave, 5-9-4 ... J. Matthias 5 10
5 0-00000 Redundant, C. Brittain, 5-8-13 ... F. Morby 5
6 3102-03 Gerfalcon, H. Cottrill, 4-8-8 ... J. Seagrave 2
8 112000 Sixfiveseven (CD), A. Stevens, 7-8-7 ... R. Weaver 5 7
9 000104 Tudor Fox, Doug Smith, 4-8-6 ... T. McKeown 1
11 000041 Immortal Knight (CD), M. H. Easterby, 4-8-2 ... M. Birch 8
12 041203 Rock Signal, R. D. Peacock, 8-8-1 ... O. Gray 5 3
13 010310 Track Minstrel, R. Mason, 5-8-0 ... D. Cheng 12
14 401120 Danum (C), B. Hills, 5-7-13 ... J. Lynch 4
15 000000 Panama Canal, W. Colley, 5-7-12 ... M. Miller 7 9

7-2 Immortal Knight, 5-1 Gerfalcon, 6-1 Flintham, 13-2 Midsummer Star, 8-1 Tudor Fox, Danum, 10-1 Rascolnik, 12-1 Rock Signal, *Track Minstrel*, 14-1 others.

2.45 YELLOW PAGES HANDICAP (3-y-o : £2,016 : 5f)

1 4-22312 Polly Peachum (CD), M. W. Easterby, 8-13 ... J. Seagrave 3
3 134410 Whoomph (D), G. Hunter, 8-7 ... J. Matthias 5 4
5 2-00410 Gallico, S. Woodman, 7-13 ... F. Morby 2
6 003200 Alexben (D), K. Payne, 7-13 ... J. Curant 8
7 420000 Royal Track (D), R. Mason, 7-10 ... D. Cheng 1
9 21-04 Old Penny (CD), E. Cousins, 7-7 ... C. Rodrigues 7 7
10 030204 Clear Melody (D), S. Nesbitt, 7-7 ... S. Webster 7 5
11 0-02002 Le Vardon, C. Brittain, 7-7 ... T. McKeown 6

9-4 Polly Peachum, 3-1 Old Penny, 9-2 Whoomph, 6-1 Gallico, 7-1 Le Vardon, 8-1 Alexben, 14-1 others.

3.15 WIGAN STAKES (3-y-o : £829 : 1½m)

1 0000-04 Bill The Black, A. Jarvis, 9-5 ... J. Seagrave 3
2 *02001-0 Sandgrounder, R. D. Peacock*, 9-5 ... *O. Gray 5* 1
3 4-30340 Zip Fastener, P. Rohan, 9-5 ... T. O'Ryan 5 2
5 200323 Jomy Prince, C. Crossley, 8-9 ... — 4
7 0 Nymphenburg, D. McCain, 8-6 ... L. Brown 5

5-4 Jomy Prince, 6-4 Zip Fastener, 4-1 Sandgrounder, 16-1 Bill The Black, 33-1 Nymphenburg.

3.45 WOOD PIT SUPERIOR STAKES (2-y-o : £1,027 : 6f)

1 244030 *Western Isle*, R. Hannon, 8-11 ... P. Perkins 9
2 22230 Best Endeavour, E. Cousins, 8-6 ... — 4
3 0 Crown Witness, A. Stevens, 8-6 ... R. Weaver 5 12
4 00 High Leap, B. Cambidge, 8-6 ... S. Perks 1
6 0243 Quick Flash, K. Payne, 8-6 ... J. Curant 5
8 00 Spy Lord, P. Rohan, 8-6 ... T. O'Ryan 5 6
9 320032 Aces High, D. Doyle, 8-3 ... O. Gray 5 11
10 000 Calloloo, M. W. Easterby, 8-3 ... J. Seagrave 2
11 0004 Caribbean Princess, L. Shedden, 8-3 ... L. Brown 7
18 040 Merry Drummer, M. H. Easterby, 8-3 ... M. Birch 10
20 404 *Mister* Chicken, C. Crossley, 8-3 ... G. Mullin 7 8
36 003 Shiny Strawberry, P. Cole, 8-3 ... F. Morby 3

11-4 Quick Flash, 7-2 Shiny Strawberry, 11-2 Western Isle, 6-1 Best Endeavour, 8-1 Aces High, Spy Lord, 14-1 Merry Drummer, *Calloloo* 20-1 others.

4.15 HERMITAGE GREEN STAKES (3-y-o : £565 : 2m 28yds)

1 000403 Corporay, C. Crossley, 9-0 ... — 5
3 000 Tvashtri, R. D. Peacock, 9-0 ... L. Brown 2
8 Nells Son, A. Jarvis, 8-11 ... J. Seagrave 4
11 0-0 *Shower of Gold*, J. Hindley, 8-11 ... *D. McKay* 3
13 200-420 Waterborne, W. Elsey, 8-11 ... — 1

4-7 Waterborne, 11-4 Corporay, 10-1 Shower of Gold, 12-1 Tvashtri, 16-1 Nells Son.

Haydock Park selections

By Our Northern Correspondent
1.45 Musky Bird. 2.15 IMMORTAL KNIGHT is specially recommended. 2.45 Polly Peachum. 3.15 Sandgrounded. 3.45 Quick Flash. 4.15 Corporay.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Gerfalcon. 2.45 Le Vardon.

Redcar selections

By Our Northern Correspondent
1.45 Aries King. 2.15 Silleys Maid. 2.45 Old Lucky. 3.15 Silver Tinkle. 3.45 Slip Rule. 4.15 Snow Leap. 4.45 Bajour.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Silleys Maid. 2.45 Old Lucky. 4.15 Tsarkoe Selo. 4.45 Bajour.

Lingfield Park programme

2.0 CHIDDINGSTONE STAKES (£507 : 1¼m)

101 0020-00 Braerise, W. Marshall, 4-9-2 ... R. Marshall 2
103 Pareado, P. Smyth, 4-9-2 ... G. Ramshaw 6
104 00 Shivers Regal, E. Goddard, 4-9-2 ... — 1
105 0-041 Captain's Escort (CD), N. Murless, 3-9-0 ... G. Lewis 5
108 004-000 Rajmatal, M. Masson, 3-8-7 ... A. Murray 7
109 0-00000 Binney, B. Hobbs, 3-8-4 ... P. Cook 4
112 Relkin, A. Budgett, 3-8-4 ... J. Mercer 3

1-3 *Captain's Escort*, 11-2 *Relkin*, 8-1 *Rajmatal*, 12-1 *Braerise*, 14-1 *others*.

2.30 HORNE STAKES (2-y-o : fillies : £705 : 7f)

201 0 Aldis Star, A. Kerr, 8-11 ... S. Hayward 2
202 Anner Amanda, G. Harwood, 8-11 ... G. Ramshaw 7
204 030 Betsy Girl, J. Powney, 8-11 ... — 9
212 000042 Hurry On Honey, R. Hannon, 8-11 ... J. Mercer 12
213 00 Killala, Thomson Jones, 8-11 ... G. Oldroyd 13
215 Mistress Clare, I. Balding, 8-11 ... D. Holley 5
216 00 *Mrs Miller*, R. *Leigh*, 8-11 ... P. *Cook* 8
219 0 * Queens Slipper, N. Vigors, 8-11 ... P. Cook 6
220 03 Salsafy, B. Hobbs, 8-11 ... J. Gorton 4
221 0 Salvezza, H. Wragg, 8-11 ... A. Murray 1
222 3 Shallow Stream, N. Murless, 8-11 ... G. Lewis 3
223 2 Shenandoah Valley, I. Balding, 8-11 ... P. Waldron 11
224 0 Silver Coin, G. Harwood, 8-11 ... J. Lindley 10
226 Some Springs, S. Supple, 8-11 ... T. Bridge 7 15
229 World's Worse, D. Whelan, 8-11 ... B. Rouse 14

2-1 Shallow Stream, 11-4 Shenandoah Valley, 7-2 Salsafy, 6-1 Salvezza, 12-1 *Hurry On Honey, 16-1 Betsy Girl, 20-1 Killala, 25-1 other* .

3.0 LEIGH HANDICAP (3-y-o : £1,298 : 7f 140yds)

304 1-01023 Starlit Night, G. P.-Gordon, 8-8 ... A. Murray 9
305 104000 The Hertford, B. Swift, 8-7 ... K. Daniels 7 6
306 2-30132 Kensington High, B. Hills, 8-7 ... G. Lewis 7
307 000301 The Nadi Royale, J. Sutcliffe, Jun, 8-6 ... B. Rouse 4
309 000111 Look Lively, B. Swift, 8-3 ... J. Wilson 10
311 000000 Hayloft, R. Akehurst, 7-12 ... R. Millman 7 2
312 0-00440 *Air Power* (C), H. Candy, 7-11 ... P. *Waldron* 1
313 000-130 Toneroy, A. Breasley, 7-9 ... T. Carter 3
317 021040 Linda Jill, R. Smyth, 7-7 ... T. Cain 5 8
319 3-3040 Swift Falcon, H. Price, 7-7 ... D. Noble 11
320 0-02200 Penny Halfpenny, S. Supple, 7-7 ... R. Ferguson 5

7-4 Kensington High, 7-2 Look Lively, 5-1 Starlit Night, 13-2 The Nadi Royale, 8-1 Linda Jill, 12-1 Toneroy, 14-1 The Hertford, 16-1 others.

3.30 REDHILL HANDICAP (3-y-o : £889 : 1½m)

402 *040222 Appellanda*, R. *Smyth*, 8-13 ... A. *Murray* 3
405 4-14301 Behave Too, G. Harwood, 8-13 ... J. Lindley 4
406 00113 Midsummer Lad (D), B. Hanbury, 8-7 ... — 1
407 204043 Boardroom, S. Supple, 8-2 ... T. Bridge 7 5
409 032134 Eternal Victory, R. Boss, 7-8 ... — 2

2-1 Midsummer Lad, 11-4 Behave Too, 4-1 Appellanda, 9-2 Boardroom, 6-1 Eternal Victory.

4.0 HORLEY HANDICAP (2-y-o : £779 : 6f)

501 213 Pallbearer, T. Waugh, 8-10 ... G. Ramshaw 7
502 002131 Super Kelly (D), T. Corbett, 8-9 ... J. Lindley 6
503 3113 Rio Alta, H. Price, 8-9 ... A. Murray 5
504 31 Fair Deed (CD), H. Candy, 8-8 ... J. Mercer 2
505 4321 Beliver (CD), R. Smyth, 8-8 ... J. Jenkinson 5 1
506 3223 Quay, R. Jarvis, 8-1 ... P. Waldron 8
509 02040 Hear My Son, R. Hannon, 7-10 ... P. Cook 9
512 003 Kloten, B. Wise, 7-3 ... R. Ferguson 3
513 000400 Magnatura, A. Breasley, 7-0 ... R. Reader 4
514 0300 Royal Pet, D. Jermy, 7-0 ... D. East 10

5-2 *Fair Deed, 7-2 Super Kelly, 9-2 Rio Alta, Beliver, 8-1 Pallbearer*, 12-1 Kloten, Quay, 14-1 others.

4.30 HAXTED STAKES (£869 : 1½m)

601 401003 * Nutkin, P. Makin, 4-9-0 ... — 1
602 10000-0 Punch Up (D), D. Morley, 4-8-13 ... A. Murray 4
605 2-00244 So Royal, H. Candy, 4-8-13 ... P. Waldron 5
607 0 Fire Red (CD), K. Cundell, 5-8-1 ... J. Lindley 6
608 222-200 Prominent (D), A. Budgett, 7-8-11 ... G. Lewis 3
609 *Eastern Lullaby, P. Smyth*, 4-8-3 ... *G. Ramshaw* 2
611 1- Shebeen, B. Hobbs, 3-7-11 ... P. Cook 7

11-10 Prominent, 9-4 So Royal, 11-4 Shebeen, 12-1 Fire Red, 14-1 others.
* Doubtful runner.

Lingfield Park selections

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2.0 Captains Escort. 2.30 Shallow Stream. 3.0 Starlit Night. 3.30 Midsummer Lad. 4.0 Rio Alta. 4.30 Prominent.

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2.0 Captains Escort. 2.30 Shallow Stream. 3.0 Starlit Night. 3.30 Midsummer Lad. 4.0 Quay. 4.30 Shebeen.

Haydock Park results

.15 (2.16) LADY HILL PLATE (2-y-o : £483 : 5f)

nza Baba, b f, by Huntercombe—Tudor Song (Mrs E. Couney), 9-1 W. Carson (4-9) 1
ORNAGE, b f, by Candy Cane—*Sound Recordo (Mr B. Crabtree)* 8-8 ...... L. G. Brown (25-1) 2
ARACROSS, b c, by Tamerlane—Harolds Cross (Mr A. Stevens), 8-6 ...... R. Weaver (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 Troopetie, 12-1 ash Gold, 16-1 Moretto (4th), 25-1 Another Morley, Lunar Bell, Sindovid. ran.

TOTE: Win, 14p; places, 11p, 40p, 37p; dual forecast, £4.45. B. Hills, at Lambourn. 4l, 1½l. 1min 02.85sec.

.45 (2.48) WEST LANCASHIRE PLATE (3-y-o : £483 : 1¼m 31yds)

Enchanting, b f, by Behistoun—Moonlit (Mr G. Reed), 8-11 L. Piggott (11-4) 1
LUCKY WISH, b c, by Hill Clown—Lucky Day (Mrs B. Eastwood) 9-0 ...... J. Rowe (6-4 fav) 2
PTARMIGAN, b f, by Hill Clown—Snow Fall II (Mrs C. Gosling) 8-11 ...... J. Gorton (3-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-1 Crown Bird (4th), 20-1 Kevins Boy, Pendancor, 33-1 Happy Call. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 18p, 21p; dual forecast, 59p. S. Hall, at Middleham. 1½l, 2l. 2min 24.52sec.

3.15 (3.17) BUGGINS FARM STAKES (2-y-o : £2,257 : 7f 40yd)

Roving Romeo, b c, by Relko—Julieta (Mr G. van der Ploeg), 8-1 ...... R. Marshall (20-1) 1
RACCOON, ch c, by Right Tack—La Speranza (Mr A. Bodie), 8-1 P. Eddery (13-2) 2
LITTLE CATWORTH, b c, by Midsummer Night II—Little Rapide (Mr H. Strangward), 8-0 M. L. Thomas (11-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Sam Browne, 9-2 Tiger Tim's (4th), 7-1 *Mescalero*, Targa Bella, 20-1 Mount Blessed, Farthing Road. 9 ran.

Tote: Win, £1.69; places, 61p, 23p, 27p; dual forecast, £3.56. W. Marshall, at Fordingbridge. Nk, 1½l. 1min 36.36sec.

3.45 (3.47) RED ROSE HANDICAP (£871: 1¼m 131yd)

Alaska Highway, b h, by Sovereign Path—Kitimat (Mr E. Penser), 5-8-6 .. M. L. Thomas (6-4 fav) 1
ST BARNABAS, b c, by Silver Shark—Nutting Grove (Mrs E. Patchett) 4-7-10 O. Gray (7-2) 2
HAPPY HUNTER, b h, by Poaching—Hilaire (Mr J. White), 7-8-7 L. Piggott (15-8) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Cargo (4 ran).
TOTE: win, 22p; forecast, 69p. R. Jarvis, at Newmarket. 1½l, ¾l. 2min 31.91sec.

4.15 (4.16) MATTHEW PEACOCK HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,351: 1m 40yd)

Silk And Satin, b c, by Charlottown—Loose Cover (Mr J. Bryce), 9-3 ...... L. Piggott (8-11) 1
TWO AND A QUARTER, ch g, by Shooting Chant—Nalling (Mr J. Waring), 7-2 S. Salmon (11-2) 2
CRESCENDO, b c, by Bleep Bleep—Ma Griffe (Mr G. van der Ploeg), 8-7 ...... R. Marshall (7-4) 3

TOTE: win, 17p; forecast, 55p. R. Armstrong, at Newmarket. Neck, 3l. 1min *48.28*sec.

4.45 (4.48) CASTLE HILL MAIDEN STAKES (£520: 1½m)

French Warrior, b g, by French Beige—Warrior Queen (Mrs M. Fletcher), 4-8-11 G. Cadwaladr (11-2) 1
PICCALILLI, ch f, by Klairon—Elaine (Mr G. Reed), 4-8-6 bl O. Gray (6-1) 2
JOCKEY, b c, by Klairon—Jojo (Lord Porchester), 4-9-0 L. Piggott (9-4 jt fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt fav Retaliate, 8-1 Elgar (4th), 50-1 Fair Beam, Skatealong, Yarnton Honey. 8 ran.

TOTE: win, 56p; places, 21p, 19p, 17p; dual forecast: £1.10 L. Shedden at Wetherby. hd, 1½l. *2min* 38.76sec. Corcyra Beach did not run. Jockey came in first beating Piccalilli by a head, with French Warrior 1½ lengths away third. An objection by the second to the winner was overruled, but following a Stewards' inquiry, an objection by the third horse to the first two was sustained. Jockey was disqualified and *placed* third, the race being awarded to French Warrior, with Piccalilli remaining in second place.

TOTE DOUBLE: Roving Romeo and Silk and Satin: £9.30. TREBLE: Enchanting, Alaska Highway, French Warrior, £13.10.

Lingfield Park

2.15 (2.19) VICTORIA PLATE (2-y-o: £690: 6f)

Wong Way Girl, br f, by Kibenka—Suzy Wong (Mr G. Curzon), 8-8 ...... C. Williams (12-1) 1
WOT NO STOPPING, ch c, by St Chad—Stepfast (Mr G. Van der Ploeg), 8-11 .. B. *Taylor (10-1)* 2
STORM HOME, ch f, by St Chad—Storming Finish (Mr G. Harwood), 8-8 .. J. Lindley (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Cetanese, 9-2 Shepherd Boy, 5-1 King Priam, 10-1 Honey for Tea, 12-1 Swanky, 14-1 King of the Blues, 16-1 Ever Loyale (4th), 20-1 Double Len, Hurricane Sal, Wronaldo. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, £3.50; places, 71p, 38p, 36p. R. Akehurst, at Lambourn. 5l, nk. 1min 12.72sec. There was no bid for the winner.

2.45 (2.47) MAPLETON PLATE (3-y-o fillies: £552: 1¼m)

Mischievous, b f, by Le Mesnil—Brushover (Mr R. Moller), 8-11 G. Starkey (13-8 fav) 1
MANTINEA, ch f, by Mourne—Magic Thrust (Sir M. Sobell), 8 11 ...... J. Mercer (5-1) 2
REINE DAGOBERT, br f, by Roi Dagobert—Corromala (Mr G. White), 8-11 .. P. Cook (11-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 La Balconne, 11-1 Patois, 16-1 Caissa Ira, *Festal*, 20-1 Anoodeen, Bon Candy, Passion Flower, Portopen (4th), Sweet and Saucy. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 26p; places, 15p, 25p, 12p. H. Wragg, at Newmarket. 2l, ½l. 2min 40.45sec.

3.15 (3.16) HEATHFIELD HANDICAP (£831: 1¼m)

Tudor Crown, b c, by Tudor Music—Crownless (Mrs C. McSweeney), 3yrs, 8-8 A. Kimberley (13-8) 1
BALLAD SINGER, br c, by Princess Dual—Dusky (Mrs O. Cressey), 3yrs, 8-2 R. Millman (11-8 fav) 2
NUTKIN, b f, by Roan Rocket—Pistacchio (Mr L. Cowan), 4yrs, 9-4 ...... A. Murray (5-1) 3

TOTE: Win, 26p, forecast, 28p. J. Hindley, at Newmarket. 3 ran. Nk, 3l. 2min 10.10sec.

3.45 (3.46) SOUTHERN PLATE (2-y-o: £553: 6f)

Harmonise, ch f, by Reliance II—Swift Harmony (Lord Rotherwick), 8-13 J. Mercer (6-4 fav) 1
VELVELLA, br c, by Right Tack—Nanas Girl (Mr W. Greenbaum), 8-11 ...... B. Taylor (7-4) 2
CHELO RHAI, b c, by Le Dieu D'Or—Natural (Mr A. Cowell), 8-6 ...... A. *Bond (33-1)* 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Sansevero (4th), 12-1 Pagos Boy, 20-1 Jet Flight, 33-1 Fire Can. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 13p, 15p; dual forecast, 25p. W. Hern, at West Ilsley. 1½l, 6l. 1min 11.12sec.

4.15 (4.17) EAST GRINSTEAD HANDICAP (£754: 6f)

Gold Nickel, b h, by Goldhill—Nicoline (Mrs I. Miller), 5-7-9 D. McKay (4-1) 1
PENUMBRA, b f, by Wolver Hollow—Penitent (Mr R. Macauley), 3-8-6 .... J. Mercer (6-4 fav) 2
LASEROY, ch c, by Laser Light—*Wild Bee (Mr A. Kennedy)*, 3-7-7 T. Carter (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Briavanter (4th), 10-1 Running Firework, 16-1 Birdie Two. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 42p; places, 23p, 17p; forecast, £1.17. L. Hall, at Winchester. 3l, 3l. 1min 9.68sec.

4.45 (4.52) CROYDON HANDICAP (£763: 2m)

Mallard, b h, by Le Levenstall—Scargill (Dr A. Jones), 5-8-5 R. Wernham (4-1) 1
INVENTORY, b h, by Royal Record II—Sonsa (Mr G. Smyth), 6-9-10 ...... G. Lewis (6-1) 2
C'EST AFRIQUE, b c, by Behistoun—Saucy Jane (Mr D. de Yong), 3-8-5 .... B. Taylor (9-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Queens Treasure, 8-1 High Call, 14-1 Aztec Star (4th), 16-1 Call the Tune. 8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 36p; places, 13p, 16p, 15p; dual forecast, £1.00. A Jones, at Swansea. 1½l, 1½l. 3min 26.47sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: Tudor Crown, Gold Nickel, £8.13. TREBLE: Mischievous Harmonise, Mallard, £4.95. JACKPOT: £8,831.40.

Newmarket

6.0 (6.2) SIDE HILL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £653: 1½m)

General Mike, br g, by Kalydon—Belle of All (Mr J. Clayton), 7-8 ...... P. Cain (12-1) 1
AGE OF CONSENT, b f, by Star Moss—Clare's Choice (Miss G. Yeatman), 7-12 T. Johnson (100-30 jt fav) 2
PINCHARIO, b g, by Pinza—Fire Chariot (Mr M. Routledge), 8-0 G. Sexton (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 jt fav Cinchid, 7-2 Miss Merrow, 8-1 Lauso Lady (4th), Sayida (ref), 12-1 Shotgun Wedding, 20-1 Gala Sunrise, Douella. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, £2.03; places, 41p, 16p, 30p; *dual forecast*, £3.62. Nk, 2l. 2min 37.97s. J. Clayton, at Newmarket. Winner bought in for 1,000gns.

6.30 (6.31) BUNBURY STAKES (3-y-o fillies. £625: 1m)

Pin High, b f, by Aggressor—Margo's Pal (Mrs N. Howes), 9-5 ...... G. Baxter (4-1) 1
LUCKY LIBRA, b f, by Great White Way—Vicuna (Mr K. Maharaj), 8-11 .. A. Murray (11-10 fav) 2
PETIT SECRET, b f, by Petingo—Spoiled Wine (Mrs A. de Rothschild), 8-11 .. P. Tulk (20-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-3 Caer-Gal (disq), 25-1 Symphonic, Jerboa, Double Powered. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 45p; places 16p, 13p; dual forecast, 27p. I. Walker, at Newmarket. 1l, nk. 1min 46.29sec. After a stewards' inquiry, the result was altered from 1, Caer-Gal; 2, Pin High; 3, Lucky Libra; 4, Petit Secret. Caer-Gal was disqualified for interference with Lucky Libra. No official fourth.

7.0 PAMPISFORD HANDICAP (2-y-o : £902 : 5f)

Speedymede, b f, by Runnymede—Ulanora (Mr P. Frost), 7-13 R. Wernham (4-1) 1
HAREM, b f, by Tribal Chief—Shari (Mr G. Gibson), 7-11 D. Cheng (12-1) 2
CIRCUS SONG, b c, by Hill Clown—*Golden Linnet* (Mr H. Joel), 8-2 ...... B. Raymond (3-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Princess Of Verona, 6-1 Kashville, 8-1 Mark Jason, 16-1 Step Softly (4th). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 54p, 75p; dual forecast, £4.35. N. Callaghan, at Newmarket. Sh hd, 1½l. 1min 1.34sec.

7.30 (7.31) RUNNING GAP STAKES (3-y-o: £855: 1½m)

Duke of Marmalade, b c, by Vaguely Noble—Moow Orange (Mrs J. Bryce), 8-10 L. Piggott (1-6 fav) 1
QUARTILE, b c, by Abernant or Star Moss—Quonita (Ld Fairhaven), 8-10 .. E. Eldin (11-2) 2
Only two ran.

TOTE: Win, 13p. R. Armstrong, at Newmarket. 7l. 2min 38.28sec.

8.0 (8.01) LAVENHAM HANDICAP (£977: 6f)

Miss Scotland, ch m, by Henry The Seventh—Light Grey (Mr J. Pearce), 5-7-7 T. McKeown (7-1) 1
PERICET, b g, by Anian—Pinochle (Mr W. Gillilan), 5-8-5 P. Eddery (9-2) 2
BLASTAVON, b h, by Blast—Avoncella (Mr M. Lockey), 5-7-8 I. Johnson (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-4 *fav* Ginnies Pet (4th), 9-2 Wrens Hill, 33-1 Adversary. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 68p; places, 30p, 30p; forecast: £3.04. Doug Smith, at Newmarket. 4l, nk. 1min 15.58sec.

8.30 (8.33) BEACON MAIDEN PLATE (2-y-o: £690: 7f)

Limpopo, ch c, by *Crepello*—Zembest (Ld H. de Walden), 9-0 L. Piggott (11-4 fav) 1
SILENT TOWN, b c, by Charlottown—Silent Anne (Mrs J. Shedden), 9-0 .... J. Gorton (14-1) 2
FUSILIER, ch c, by Shantung—Fusil (Mr R. Moller), 9-0 G. Starkey (11-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Jacmel (4th), 9-2 Laurus, 10-1 Kung Fu, 12-1 Merry Peasant, 14-1 Pure Magic, 33-1 Magic Summer, Abergwiffy, Chunky, Pichal, Riesling, Roman God, Songson, Timerah, Tornado Prince, Examount, Star Of Sahib, Sovereign Clipper (pu). 20 ran.

TOTE: Win, 36p; places: 34p, 43p, 23p. H. Cecil, at Newmarket. 1l, ½l. 1min 31.39sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: Speedy Mede, Miss Scotland, £26.05. TREBLE: Pin High, Duke Of Marmalade, Limpopo, £5.95.

Redcar

2.0 (2.01) STAINTONDALE PLATE (3-y-o: £414: 1m)

Lochranza, br c, by Highland Melody—Earall (Mr E. Carr), 7-0 M. Gorcham (evens fav) 1
TAMEBELL, b c, by Tamerlane—Belle Cigale (Mr J. Taylor) 9-0 E. Hide (15-8) 2
BOUCHETTE, b f, by Current Coin—Umgeni Poort (Mr P. Downey) 8-11 .... B. Connorton (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 12-1 French Bridge (4th), 25-1 Tudor Gus, 50-1 Whiffling Goose. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 13p, 13p; dual forecast: 16p. E. Carr, at Thirsk. ½l, 3l. Broomstone did not run. The winner was bought in for *1,100 guineas*.

2.30 (2.32) MIDDLETON PLATE (£380: 1m 6f 160yd)

Superb Sam, br g, by Super Sam Nalling (Mrs A. Ashworth), 4-9-7 J. Seagrave (11-1) 1
LE LION, b c, by Le Levenstell—Riggin Banks (Mr M. Taylor), 4-9-7 ...... T. Lappin (6-1) 2
HENRYS LADY, ch f, by Henry the Seventh—Castle Rough (Mr J. Andrews), 3-8-4 M. Gorcham (7-4 jt fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-4 jt fav Super Prince (4th), 12-1 Starla, Haut Biron. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 83p; places, 48, 60p; dual forecast, £5.32. H. Jones, at Malton. Nk, ¾l. Paint Job was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets. Paint Job was 8-1 at withdrawal, deduct 10p in £.

3.0 (3.02) DERWENT HANDICAP (2-y-o: £678.30: 6f)

Hot Shot, ch g, by May Steal—Isobel Anne (Mr W. C. Watts) 7-3 ...... D. Nicholls (8-1) 1
PETITE SOURIS, b f, by Chebs Lad—Langton Girl (Mr R. Cartwright), 7-8 .. P. Harmon (7-1) 2
IDLE DICE, gr c, by Current Coin—Solvilliana (Mr M. Taylor), 8-11 .. T. Lappin (11-4 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ashingora, 4-1 Tuesday Sue, 7-1 Little Ditch, 11-1 Bunny Boy (4th), 14-1 Spring Lane, 20-1 Nolia Crosby. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.18; places, 34p, 30p, 17p; dual forecast, £4.85. W. C. Watts, at Bridlington. 1½l, 3l.

3.30 (3.33) DAILY MIRROR BELLE HANDICAP (£941: 1m)

Colgnafearn, b g, by Current Coin—Doin Foine (Mr C. Brown) 4-10-5 Margaret Bell (3-1 jt fav) 1
SHIELDFIELD, br c, by Constable—Dutch Again (Mr J. Simpson), 4-10-8 .... Joan Calvert (5-1) 2
THOMAS EDWARD, b h, by *Typhoon—Sip* (Mr J. Hanson), 5-9-9 Mary Mactaggart (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN, 3-1 jt fav Clashing, 5-1 Pipinchris (4th), 10-1 Chanting, 14-1 Hullo Anain, 20-1 Frigid Fred, 33-1 Early Morning, Rolus, Dardanella Lady, Kelsoe Hill. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 13p, 30p, 85p. C. H. Bell, at Hawick. ¾l, ½l. Worthy Down did not run.

4.0 (4.16) CLEVELAND HANDICAP (£618.80: 1½m)

Hurry Now, ch g, by Farm Walk—Flamelia (Mr W. Barker) 4-8-6 S. Perks (11-4) 1
LOUDON RAH, ch c, by Pall Mall—Meadows Ally (Lady J. French), 4-9-3 E Hide (9-4 fav) 2
PEACE OF MIND, b f, by Mid*summer Night II—Command* (Mr D. Gilbert), 4-7-0 R. Barker (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Courtly Lad, 5-1 Docherty (4th), 33-1 Sherry Bird. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 32p; places, 13p, 18p; forecast: 76p. Miss S. Hall. 1l, 2½l.

4.30 (4.31) GLAISDALE HANDICAP (£844: 5f)

Alarm Call, ch c, by Bleep Bleep Cryhelp (Mr M. Taylor), 4-8-3 J. Curant (6-1) 1
GOURMET, b h, by Grey Sovereign—Midura (Mr T. Warner), 5-8-12 E. Hide (11-10 fav) 2
CARNIVAL SOVEREIGN, br g, by Carnival Dancer—Honey Girl (*Mrs C. Shaw*), 7-7-7 E. Apter (1-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 Fair Dandy (4th), 11-2 Sweet Slavery, 33-1 Unavoidable. 6 ran.

TOTE: Win, 90p; places, 28p, 22p; *forecast*, £1.94. K. Payne, Middleham. Neck, ½l.

5.0 (5.3) SOUTH DURHAM PLATE (2-y-o fillies: £380: 6f)

Amadou, ch f, by Hotfoot—Grande Fille (Mr W. Reynolds), 8-11 E. Hide (evens fav) 1
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A conducted tour in Canada

by Jan Morris

Searching for a theme to illustrate the condition of British Canada in the 1920s, in Toronto the other day I came across the Reverend Dr Samuel Fallis, a well known United Church divine of the day. He did not at once endear himself to me, for he glared at me rather accusatorily from his ill-printed photograph, as though he expected the worst of me, but he did seem splendidly representative of his place and period.

Solid but pasty of feature, bland, broad-jawed, clearly as pious as he was patriotic, he looked an authentic Anglo-Canadian from the days when British Canadians thought of themselves as British first, Canadians second. Just my man, I said to myself beneath my breath, and investigated further.

Dr Fallis (pronounced, luckily, Follis) was the publisher of an influential United Church magazine, *The New Outlook*, and in 1927 he determined to make a grand celebratory gesture to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Canadian Federation—60 years, that was, of Canadian nationhood. He invited his readers to join him upon a train journey between two of the staunchest centres of Anglo-Canadian life—Toronto in the east, Calgary in the west—to commemorate not only the noble unity of Canada, but also its continuing Britishness. Dr Fallis himself would act as Conductor of the tour. The response was gratifying, readers from every province applying for tickets, and Dr Fallis accordingly chartered a train, the New Outlook Confederation Special, from the Canadian Pacific Railway. He printed special travel brochures, he arranged for reports to be sent back to the *New Outlook*, he ordered commemorative badges and hat-ribbons, and he instructed his party to assemble at Toronto North railway station at 12 noon sharp on Saturday, June 25, 1927.

This was just my cup of tea. Severe though Dr Fallis looked, I decided to join his party in spirit, and make the journey across Canada myself in the tracks of the Confederation Special—"a wonderfully satisfying holiday", the *New Outlook* said it would be, "after a quarter-century of work in Church, Sunday School and on the farm".

On the Friday the eager excursionists inspected Toronto itself, 'the Queen City'. In 1927 this was still truly the British metropolis of North America—deliberately and self-consciously so, for it had to resist the rivalries and magnetisms of Montreal one way, Detroit the other. It was already caught up in that enervating tangle of the Canadian spirit called the "search for identity", and was still in an assertive phase of the neurosis—Union Jacks all over the place, knighted drapers on charitable committees, the *Globe* reverberatingly imperialist and the Lieutenant-Governor's mansion rigid with protocol.

Predisposed though the travellers undoubtedly were towards these splendours, for they were mostly Scots, they can hardly have found much to excite them as they walked through Toronto that afternoon. Drear but pompous the city straggled down to its pallid lake, and the grid streets of downtown seemed to fade from sheer lack of spirit into the suburbs of the north. There was the statutory Anglican cathedral, of course, and the University stood ineffably Oxbridge in its green, and here and there neo-classic palaces of commerce or finance loomed slightly embarrassed at intersections. Nobody, though, could call it a handsome city. It looked more or less like a bit of Birmingham, straightened out, drained of bawdy and homogenized—"a nest", suggested the local writer Jesse Edgar Middleton cosily, or perhaps despairingly, "of British-thinking, British-acting people".

It was true that the policemen wore bobbies' helmets, and that Lord Bessborough, later Governor-General of Canada, once described Toronto as understanding two things perfectly—"the British Empire and a good horse". In fact, though, by 1927 Toronto was willy-nilly diverging from its British patterns. For one thing it was much richer than any comparable British city of the homeland. It had far more cars, and many more telephones, and its commerce was run with more push and gusto. The Royal York hotel, under construction on Front Street, was announced as the "biggest hotel in the British Empire", and the new Union Station would be perhaps the grandest railway station (though it took so long to get the tracks into it that Will Rogers called it the only station the trains couldn't find).

More telling, though, was the feeling that Toronto's Britishness had to it an air of parody—that first symptom of declining assurance. There was something comic to a civic aristocracy, rich, titled and intensely grand, so inescapably bourgeois as Toronto's. There was something forlorn to the pageantry of the Toronto Scottish, wildly panoplied in all the paraphernalia of their tradition, but bereft of the true Highland cragginess, too pale, too pudgy.

Unquestionably the leading citizen of Toronto in the 1920s was Sir Henry Mill Pellatt, a fervently imperialist financier twice as British as John Bull. His vast Balmoralesque castle on the city's outskirts, Casa Loma, was big enough for his entire militia regiment to parade in its cellars, and was intended specifically for the hospitality of visiting British monarchs: but it succeeded only in becoming a snigger for visiting sophisticates (and is now reduced to that last indignity of noble follies, operation as a tourist spectacle for charity).

This was the innate weakness of Toronto, never to be overcome—its half-wayness, its hybrid kind, which flattened the impact of its energies and blunted its confidence. It could not find itself, because its loyalties, models and rivalries were all at odds. Gaily though the ferries chugged back and forth to the island pleasure-grounds—bravely though the Canadian National Exhibition Buildings, "largest in the Empire", stood there in the June sunshine—gloriously though Casa Loma towered battlemented over the escarpment—still even those hopeful excursionists, Conductor at their head, must sometimes have sensed the bathos of Toronto. (It is inescapable still, just as the genius of Canada remains essentially a deflationary genius. When they had a competition to name Canada's first space satellite, the poet Leonard Cohen thought that even this prodigy should transmit the Canadian prosaic. They should call it, he suggested, *Ralph*.)

Still, we assembled in high spirits at the station, Dr Fallis, his excursionists and I—awaiting an experience, said the *New Outlook*, like that of the Queen of Sheba, "who had heard of Solomon's glory but who, on seeing the reality, confessed that the half had not been told her". The Confederation Special awaited us spanking at the platform—nine sleepers, two dining cars, a tourist car, an observation car and a baggage car, headed by one of those ferociously complex locomotives, black and multitudinously pistoned, which were so to speak the Canadian satellites of their day (though oddly enough the practice of naming them never caught on).

The engine hissed portentously; the stewards stood smiling at the carriage doors, with their little portable steps; our Conductor distributed buttons and hat-ribbons; promptly at 12.50, to a promising aroma of soup from the diners, the train, "valued at more than a million dollars", steamed out of Toronto for the Land of Promise.

It was no mere whim that had led Dr Fallis to celebrate the jubilee with a train ride. The CPR was the true begetter of Canadian nationhood. By binding the nation coast to coast it had not only linked the separate provinces physically, but had helped to counter the longitudinal pull of the explicit American republic beyond the border, and the centrifugal push of the implicit French republic within. What was more, by extending itself still further in steamship services across the Atlantic and Pacific, the CPR had consolidated Canada's position in the British Empire, and made her feel part of a superpower herself.

Like the leys and cross-tracks of prehistoric man, the railway had acquired a symbolic, almost a mystic meaning. Its reconciling function was only an illustration of Canada's special status among the nations. The twentieth century, Canadians had been told, would be Canada's, but they did not interpret this prophecy in any bombastic sense. They would be rich, but they would be good. They would be American in vivacity and inventiveness, but British in style and conscience. They would cherish what was worthy in the tradition of the Motherland (as they habitually called it then), and discard what was unfair. Like the smooth tracks of the CPR, binding prairie and forest, Rockies and Atlantic shore, they would stand as benevolent intermediaries between the races, the continents, the centuries.

Canada had been given, said *New Outlook* that week, "a great and significant place in more than human schemes and planning".

So, as the great engine steamed through Ontario, into Manitoba, it was with awe that the excursionists watched their Canada pass by. The station names paraded, Missanabie and White River, Heron Bay and Marathon, with an almost biblical solemnity. The gentle thumping of the wheels upon the track was like the rhythm of prayer.

On the Sunday morning, when the train was somewhere in the wasteland of western Ontario, where moose sometimes peered myopic through the larches, and fishermen in bark canoes paddled silently through the dark, still waters—as the train puffed through that wilderness the Reverend H. V. Ellison of Little Current, Ontario, with a party of singers, passed through the train singing inspiring songs. At Nipigon, by Red Rock, a service was held beside the track, an orchestra having assembled there in readiness to play the hymns, and at Port Arthur all the clergymen in the party fanned out to preach sermons in the local United Church chapels.

There was nothing incongruous to this religiosity. British Canada was a very religious place. Its tone had been set by gentlemanly British soldiers and administrators, who believed in *mens sana in corpore sano*, and Scottish Calvinist settlers, who believed in God. Indeed it was this vigorous Christian air, this respect for law, order and due authority, which chiefly differentiated Canada from the United States.

The frontier that divided them was artificial, but they were recognizably different in ethos. To the south were gangsters, crooked judges, Indian wars and whisky pedlars; to the north were Mounties, the Honourable Company, Dr Fallis and King George V. The American road to the West was beset by war, lust and mayhem: here north of the border one travelled more genteelly, via Canadian Pacific, with Scots, pastors and honest policemen all along the track.

This was the Canadian self-image, and in general the world accepted it, with reservations. Canada was certainly respected, but she fired no ecstasy. The price of goodness was *ennui*. She was a country without glamour, wrote John Buchan, presently to become her Governor-General. She was alive but not kicking, thought Rupert Brooke. The inconceivable spaces of Canada, which Canadians liked to think emblematic of their boundless potential, seemed to all too many foreigners interminably tedious, and the good sense of it all, the decorum, seemed to lack spice or fizz. "A community of moderationists" is how one Canadian publicist phrased it—and that, sad to say, was half the trouble.

Nevertheless the farther west they went, the more excited the excursionists were by the spectacle outside their windows. There were the immense grain elevators of Thunder Bay, the biggest in the world, the vast granary of the British Empire and one of the undeniable power factors of the 20th century. There were the tremendous wheat and cattle lands of the prairies, mile after mile of growing wealth, in whose barns stood the most modern reapers, binders and harvesters, and in whose garages the very latest Packards, Fords and Essexes lay complacent.

As they drove into Winnipeg Dr Fallis, "an experienced autoist", stepped into overalls and drove the engine himself, as if to symbolize their arrival in those lands of vigour and panache.

Here was the excitement of Canada, such as it was: its newness, its brawn, the God-given wealth which expressed itself not only in wheat and shorthorns, but already in the first oil wells of the western fields. Out here Canada's extremes of climate, which merely made Toronto uncomfortable, gave to life an element of theatre. The summer could be dramatic enough, and often the travellers sweltered in their compartments, when the train stopped in sudden silence at some prairie halt, and the sun probed relentlessly through the chinks of their window-blinds, and made the corrugated iron of the station shanties shimmer and blur in the heat: but it was the winter that really counted.

In the winter the west became terribly but grandly superlative. When the Manitobans and Albertans put on their fur coats and astrakhan hats, when the snow lay feet deep through the forests, and the conifers drooped and creaked with the weight of it—when the fish lay embalmed in their frozen lakes, and a man could get frost-bitten crossing a village street—when the ice-grey skies of winter, like gun-metal, lay glowering and magnificent over the prairies, then for a few months every year Canada acquired an identity despite herself, and foreigners marvelled at last at her power and grandeur, and wondered why on earth anyone wanted to live there.

Space and history, heat and cold, the Bible, the great railway—all these elements, glimpsed or imagined in the cars of the Confederation Special, made the Canadians what they were, and gave truth to Dr Fallis's conception of a jubilee binge. They were truly living the meaning of Canada, as they puffed westward: and perhaps it was allegorically proper too that their Conductor, experienced autoist that he was, found himself involved in an unexplained motor accident during a stop in Jasper National Park, and had to make his own way, dashingly bandaged I hope, down through the foothills to Calgary.

Through it all the excursionists had been warmly conscious that they were in *British* Canada. Quebec and its grievances seemed far away, they seldom heard a word of French, and all along the route familiar manners greeted them. This was after all an imperial occasion, and if the Confederation of 1867 had in principle bonded French and British Canada into equality, there was no denying that in practice the British were somewhat more equal than the French. This was only right. Canada's good purposes could best be achieved within that wider brotherhood, the Empire, and nobody could dispute the Britishness of *that*.

If Toronto exemplified the stability and continuity of the Empire, Calgary was held by Canadians to represent its frontier spirit. Calgary was as British as the Queen City, but in a different kind—a more patrician kind really, though Sir Henry Pellatt might resist the claim. It was essentially a cow-town, dependent upon the great ranches which surrounded it, and the ranchers gave to it some of the spacious, free-and-easiness that characterized Wyoming or Montana south of the frontier.

As a matter of fact many of the more stylish ranchers were originally American, having crossed the border when land was cheap or free in Canada, but by now they had mostly been satisfactorily Canadianized—which is to say they read the *Calgary Herald* in the Ranchmen's Club, and sent their wives to call upon Lady Lougheed.

The Confederation Special was boisterously welcomed at Calgary station. Half Calgary society seemed to be there, the men bold in wide-brimmed western Stetsons, the women dashing in last year's Montreal fashions, and the excursionists were glad they had kept their buttons and ribbons, if only not to be out-coloured. The Mayor himself swept them off to a welcoming banquet at the Palliser Hotel where Dr Fallis, gallantly overcoming his mishap, made a speech "on a high plane, both educational and inspirational"; and many members of the Ranchmen's Club were there too, and all the local church dignitaries, except perhaps some of the Presbyterians, and many worthies of bench, bank, bar and surgery. The Palliser was Universally Recognized as the Finest City Hotel between Winnipeg and Vancouver, and did the excursionists proud, if not with wine from its Celebrated Cellars, at least with red Alberta beef.

When they emerged from the hotel, which looked like a pair of up-turned boot boxes beside the railway tracks, they found that the southern sky was a blaze of flickering red, like a violent aurora. It was the glow of the burning gases from the Turner Valley oilfield, and it hung there as a banner over the prairie, a blazon of wealth to come.

Calgary was like that. If it was less flamboyant than the cities of the American West, it was far bolder than Toronto. It was English rather than Scottish, and was less inhibited or restrained, more showy, more responsive. I dare say some of the travellers found it a little brash, but only in a boyish and endearing way. They were not taken to the red light district beyond Centre Street, where the cow-hands and riggers found their comforts, they ventured only into the more decorous corners of Chinatown, where the gambling did not show, and some of them even bought Stetson hats for themselves, to salute the cheerful *genius loci*.

Toronto stood recognizably for Empire; Calgary did not stand for anything much, except personal opportunity, but it did still smack of the pioneers. Its main highways were still called trails, and there were citizens alive who remembered the signing of the original treaty, No 7, with the Indians of the region—Blackfoot, Blood, Piegan, Sarcee, who still lived docile in their reservation down the Sarcee Trail, and were paid five dollars a head annually in Government stipends, "for as long as the sun shines, the grass grows and the rivers run".

Indians loitered in the city streets, and sometimes gypsies camped down by the river, and cowboys clattered ostentatiously in from the ranch, and Hutterite Anabaptists, in cotton bonnets and black Ukrainian hats, came gloomily in by wagon from their communes in the prairie. Calgary was not much to look at—a few dowdy office blocks, railway sheds, cattle yards, a rim of residential suburbs, the Palliser—but it did have variety.

It had its snobberies too, of course—every imperial town *did*. The posh families of Calgary, the Hulls, the Lougheeds, the Burns, lived in enfilade, so to speak, south of the railway tracks, training their guns upon each other and upon all visiting celebrities. English values still counted in Alberta—"Earl of Cadogan Bankrupt Again", said a headline in the *Herald* during the excursionists' visit—and Old Country Cricket was a regular feature of the paper. But like Sydney or Auckland, Calgary represented an altogether new start for people of British stock. Here land was still to be had, opportunity was in the very air, and nothing seemed impossible.

As it happens the Canadian West was, at that moment, enduring a slump, but the Calgary *instinct* was for success. That blaze in the sky was true. Already the Stampede, that grand jamboree of the prairies, was the great event of the Calgary year, and its slogan for 1927 was "The Lid Is Off!" Toronto might seem a substitute for older societies; Calgary was more like an alternative. It did not compete, it did not pretend, it was something different in kind. Like most of the Empire's frontier towns, even in the 1920s, it was bursting with optimism, and its occasional tokens of mock-Tudor or hierarchy seemed to be throw-away gestures, half in fun. The future was not an extension of the Motherland's future, but was Calgary's own. As the city signs say to this day, "The Car Park Is Temporarily Full"—and in that Temporarily, Calgary speaks.

Yet still the British restraint, the sense of order, distinguis it from the lawless cattle-to of the American legend. T very Sunday there was a gr Patriotic Service at the K Church—Subject, "Our G ous Heritage"—at which K. Robinson sang *Land of H and Glory* assisted by Rimanoczy upon the violin. T excursionists, for all the themselves still at home, and was a fitting climax to th symbolic journey when Dr Fal led them all across the bro and tufty Elbow, a truly Ca dian stream, to plant a co memorative tree in the groun of Hillhurst United Church, towards the Crowchild Trail. was a cotton-wood tree, th most Canadian of poplars: Fallis earthed it in with prid and dubbed it Confeder tion Tree, before leading h companions back to the railw station for a farewell dinner the train (Creme Victoria, B tish Columbia Salmon, E Custard with Stewed Plums).

Faithfully I had followed th New Outlook Confederatio Special on its long journey, a affectionately I said goodbye my fellow-travellers, wh dinner was over, and took th night flight to New York. their footsteps I had wandere the streets of Toronto, physi ally transformed now with sk scrapers and Ethnics (as th Canadians call their more i migranty immigrants), metap sically much the same. I ha lazed happily across Canada the Canadian Pacific, its trac rather bumpier nowadays, i stewards still courteous, plums still stewed. I ha arrived at Calgary in the wee before the Stampede, and foun the excited city buoyant a ever, and crowned now with on of those tight and soarin clusters of skyscrapers, rising like mirages from the flat-land which seemed to me, after the towered ridges of Castile, th most thrilling of all ci silhouettes.

And I had gone home, as they did, thinking that all in all, b and large, the Canada tha Empire created was something to be proud of after all: a dullish country perhaps, and too big by half, but still retaining, to this very day, the sense of innocence which had guided the Conductor and his congregationalists so guilelessly across the prairies half a century ago.

I am sorry to have to report that the Confederation Tree was chopped down in the course of church extensions in the 1940s: but Dr Fallis himself still looks at me as I write, and into his eyes there has now crept, I think, a slightly more approving look—as though, flippant as I often was, and distressingly inattentive during his speech at the Palliser banquet, still he has hopes that I may have benefited spiritually from the journey.

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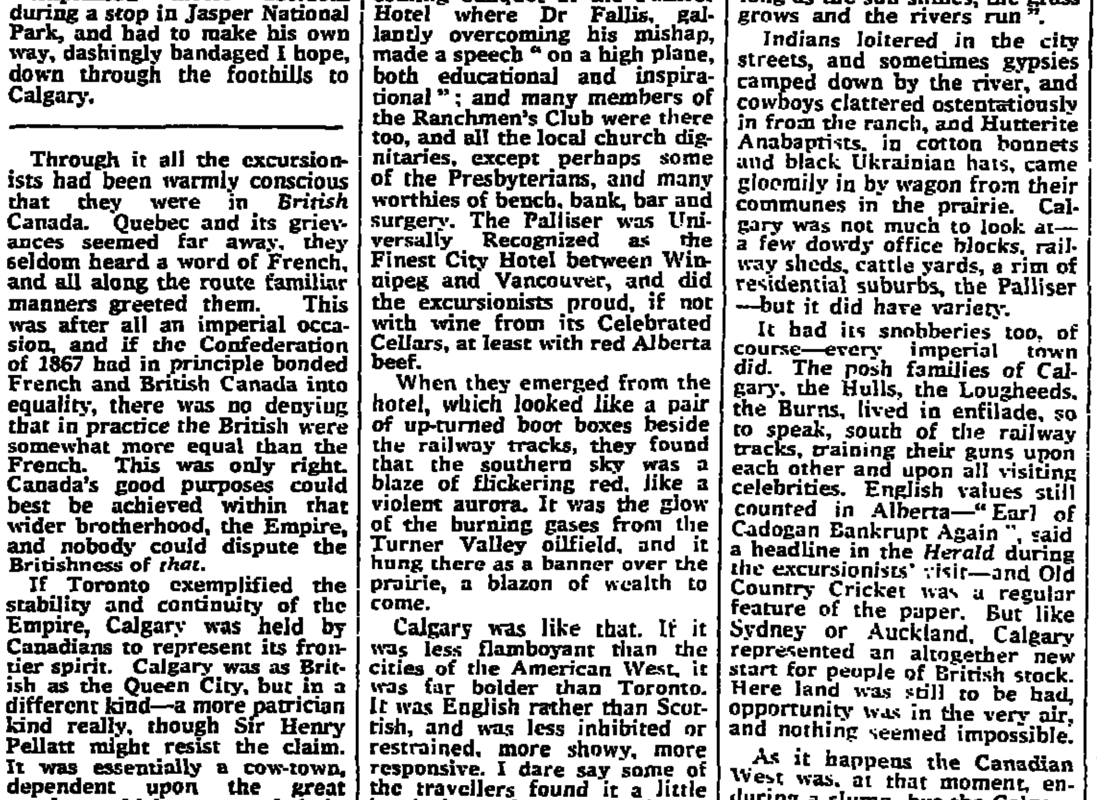

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'ulia ? It only really ; remote to people who been there. In both n and America we are su to the peregrinating 'alian, either on his grand his Wanderjahren, or his ently successful attempt ke us over permanently, Australia itself seems com- gly near at hand. But we go there, actually ex- nce the time change, and ultural shock of an upside climate, until we have had se of that seemingly limit- istance, we can never even to understand Australia. vas my first visit, and, like first visitors, and subse- *visitors, I loved it.* thing good you have ever about Australia and quite believed is abso- true. In order of import- the people are just about warmest and friendliest in world, the wine is sensa- (they rarely export it, is possibly why they so much of the time *warm and friendly)* and ood is fine.

I loved it. But, except e very rich with unlimited tunities for travel, one l, I suspect, feel a little led and even confined. alia seems more like West *or Hongkong* than one expect. The continent is but the built up areas are vely small. Both Sydney Melbourne are cities larger Rome, and Australia as a is the most urbanized of he English-speaking com- *ties. In such circumstances* would expect the arts to ish—but perhaps with a ence.

ave seminars for theatre nts and theatre profes- ls in Melbourne, Sydney, erra and Adelaide. Every- e I was delighted with the nse and the vitality. Yet noticed a certain wistful- —many of the students felt they had seen terribly little e rest of the English-speak- heatre. It was essentially issue of isolation. Poli- y Australia is looking more more towards its Pacific Asian neighbours. But cul- y it still has very strong, st unbreakable links with in and America, especially e the English language is ved. Politically it is one to look towards Tokyo r than Washington, but will never be much nd for Japanese language in Sydney or Melbourne. over Australia arts centres merging in the big cities— ly of course that magnifi- folly, the Sydney Opera e—sometimes with art ries attached. In Mel- ne, *for example,* there is a fine gallery, which is pro- g the basis for the yet to ompleted arts centre. The ey complex has become an ralian symbol, threatening urp the kangaroo as the all- ralian emblem, but for *the* more modest centre Adelaide if far less flam- nt is also far cheaper and eat deal better equipped for simple purposes of provid- opera, ballet, drama and erts.

most of the arts the situa- *is clear cut. For example,* ballet the federal govern- t is supporting the Austra- Ballet, which also receives us other grants from state occasionally municipal ces, and also each separate is encouraged to have its *state ballet company, where* unding comes chiefly from rather than federal ces. In opera the situation mewhat similar, as it is in orchestral music, although the surprising, and much criticized, *virtual monopoly of orchestral* music in Australia exerted by the Australian Broadcasting Commission also plays here its part.

In drama the situation is somewhat different, and in its way a little disturbing. At *present it seems* that the Australian theatre is very sharply cut down the middle, divided into the commercial theatre and what is known there as the alternative theatre.

The commercial theatre is very much the responsibility of *J. C.* Williamson Theatres Ltd. which is partly like a combination of Britain's H. M. Tennants, as a large-scale producing organization, and New York's Shuberts organization, which is a large theatre-owning operation. Williamson's, known *universally throughout* Australasia as "The Firm" and this month celebrating the one-hundredth anniversary of its founding, is traditionally an importing organization, and the imports are usually Broadway musicals (at present *A Little Night Music, Pippin* and *Irene* are all playing) and West End boulevard comedies, currently *represented by Leslie Phillips in The Man Most Likely To.*

The standards are very high. *The British farce I missed,* but of the musicals *A Little Night Music* compared more or less with the Broadway original, and while *Pippin* lacked the flair of Bob Fosse's original staging, the very different version of *Irene,* with new designs by Kenneth Rowell and freshly staged by Freddie Carpenter, seemed to be altogether preferable to *the overblown* and stickily nostalgic Broadway version. Unfortunately—as in the rest of the English-speaking world—the Australian commercial theatre is proving pretty resolutely uncommercial. It is, in fact, losing money, and how *long it can continue losing* money must be a matter of speculation.

Yet this is not *all of the* theatre. What happens to the musical, the light comedies and lurid melodramas? These are traditionally the traffic of the so-called commercial theatre. and indeed it would be difficult and, I submit, undesirable for *the national or alternative* theatres to provide. In Britain it would be perfectly possible for the English National Opera to stage Stephen Sondheim's operetta-styled musical *A Little Night Music,* but it would be at the cost of, say, a new *Tosca,* and, *through the exigencies of* repertory, would reach comparatively fewer people. Certainly the National Theatre could stage, say, *Cactus Flower,* but should it?

In Australia these choices seem to have come very close *to the surface.* But *most* theatre people in New York are also of the strong opinion that if some effective method is not found of subsidizing the Broadway theatre that type of theatre will be dead within the next five or ten years. And I imag*ine that in London—where costs* are, of course, much lower and the profit margins consequently more attractive—people must be wondering whether the entertainment theatre is going to remain a viable prospect for very long.

Irene is not the most important aspect of the English-speaking theatre. Nor, for that matter, is *Oklahoma* or *My Fair Lady.* But I for one would be heartily sorry to see them go. They add to the gaiety of nations. And nations must find some way of paying for them.

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Arthur Lowe: keeping at it

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When John Gielgud opens as *William Shakespeare in* Edward Bond's *Bingo* at the Royal Court on August 14, Arthur Lowe will be Ben Jonson. Arthur Lowe, the survivor of *Mrs Dale's Diary* and *Coronation Street* and *Dad's Army,* the character actor whose last stage appearance was Stephano to Gielgud's Prospero at the National, the man who would have been described in an earlier age as the salt of the profession if only because of his lifelong determination to go from job to job, part to part, with as little time as possible in between.

"*Bingo*? It's a sequel to *The Tempest* really: remember Prospero's last speech? Clearly some kind of melancholia had set in to Shakespeare by then and that's the mood of the man in Bond's play. I suppose if he were living nowadays they'd give him some happy pills and that would be that . . . but Bond's written about him in retirement, living at Stratford, being visited by some of *the people from his past* including me as Ben Jonson. We only have one scene, marvellous scene it is, too: 10 pages long, Jonson hardly ever stops for breath and I'm first on after the interval. It's their last meeting, when Jonson was on his marathon walk to Scotland and he stopped off at Stratford to tell Shakespeare that the Globe had burned down and also incidentally to touch him for a loan. There's not much love lost between them in the play: Jonson hated the serenity, the success and above all the self-discipline of Shakespeare: he was more Rabelaisian, in and out of prison four times, but better educated than Shakespeare and *determined never to let him* forget it—Jonson treated him with a strange mixture of envy and contempt, yet he was the only one at the time who realized that Shakespeare was forever."

For Arthur Lowe it will be a *return to the Royal Court,* where he played in Osborne's *Inadmissible Evidence* and Henry Livings' *Kelly's Eye* during the Sixties; the dates, titles, characters and length of runs are all neatly inscribed in longhand in a brown notebook which Mr Lowe keeps as if to reassure himself about the number of times he has been in work. The book starts in 1945 when he turned pro after a war which had seen him active first in the Middle East and later in Army Welfare (Live Entertainments Division).

"Hulme Hippodrome was where I started: Frank H. Fortescue's company, twice nightly. What kind of shows? Rough. *Smiling Through, Jane Eyre, Flare Path,* all the classics. Very soon it became clear to me that I was the greatest actor who'd ever lived. Mind you, it took a fair time to convince anybody else. Still, it seemed a pity to deprive them so I kept at it.

"Not that I'd always meant to be an actor. I left school in 1931, just in good time for the Depression. Then I worked for Brown Brothers in Manchester, selling motor accessories. But my father was on the railways, and he worked his way up to being a sort of excursion organizer, in charge of all those rail outings which took in lunch and a river steamer as well as the journey. He was also in charge of moving theatre companies from town to town (in those days they'd hire a whole train and transport company and scenery all together) and father would make all the arrangements with them for the London North-Eastern, so when I told him after the war that I wanted to go into the business he was able to introduce me to Frank H. Fortescue. There were five theatres along one stretch of road in Manchester *then—four of them* Fortescue's. You used to get off the train at Manchester Central, cross the road to Cox's Bar where they kept a list of artists wanted, and you could pick up enough work to last six months.

"I met my wife in the Fortescue company: Joan Cooper, lovely actress, gave it up to bring up the children but she's back at work now the boys are grown up—David's a schoolmaster and Stephen's in the Merchant Navy."

In 30 years Arthur Lowe has never been out of work and never, at any rate until the success of *Dad's Army,* turned any work down:

"I travelled a lot, took everything that was going, played whatever had to be played. How can you say you're an actor if you're not acting? An actor who can't support his family shouldn't be an actor. There's nothing so special about being an actor, nothing which allows you to be out of work any more often *than a bus-driver.*

"Mind you, there was more work for the taking when I started: you'd be at Bromley for a season and they'd say 'Sorry Arthur, nothing for you here next week' so I'd hop off the train at Penge or Croydon instead and go to the theatre there and say 'Anything next week?' and they'd say 'Yes, £12'. In those days you never asked what the play was: it was £12.

"I was never any taller than this, it's not as though I've shrunk, and I started going bald at 23 so I was a cinch for character parts—the joy of growing older is having to use less make-up".

Few actors emerge totally unscathed from long, identifying runs in popular television series: Lowe has done it twice, but how?

"Well, with Swindley in *Coronation Street* I had a contract with Granada which meant I only had to do it for six months in every year, so unlike the rest of that cast I could get back to the theatre for at least half of my time. When they first offered it to me I thought *Coronation Street* was going to be a local show for Manchester only: then after the success of the first few years they peeled Swindley off into his own series and I did that for a while. But managements in the theatre have *been very good* to me, they all knew me before the TV series so they think of me as a character actor, not as a tele-star who can't do anything else.

"If there's anything I dread it's being a 'personality'—at Granada I always refused to sign autographs and open fetes and they couldn't understand it but I think it's essential for an actor to be unknown off the stage: that way you have a *clean slate and you can draw* a fresh character on it every time.

"In the theatre, *I've done* almost everything except a high-wire act: I've done musicals, comedies, tragedies, classics, the lot. In films I've not been so lucky: I'd just got started there when the market collapsed, but I have been in *four for Lindsay Anderson* and of course, there was the *Dad's Army* film, too—we also do the 'Army' on radio and long playing records now, so it's become almost a living. But I'm still determined not to get caught doing just Mainwaring, though it does mean that the pressure's off at last and I can turn down the rougher jobs. Also it means I *can* have holidays without worrying about losing work, but the trouble is that I went so long without holidays now I don't know how to spend them."

What next? "A documentary about Pasteur which the BBC *offered me: I think they were* nervous that people would start laughing as soon as I appeared but I managed to persuade them I could do it: then I've been asked by Peter Hall to go back to the National when they move *The Tempest into the new building next* spring, and there's an idea that I might stay on there and do some of the old Aldwych farces as well as some Shaw and maybe a Pinero . . . I find all that a bit terrifying but I'd be a fool to turn it down out *of funk or sheer laziness.* When the parts being offered are better than ever, who's to say stop? Besides man can't live by the Royal Court alone."

Sheridan Morley

The Norman Conquests
Globe

Irving Wardle

Coming out of the Globe Theatre you are surrounded by people telling each other that it's a bit near the bone, and that Pamela really ought to see it, it would do her good, and that's just what *you're* like in the morning. It is the sound of the middle-class British public delightedly registering a direct hit.

That is one reason for saluting *The Norman Conquests.* Another is that nobody could accuse Alan Ayckbourn of having written a trilogy: a ludicrously portentous label for these three unassuming *comedies. As before,* Ayckbourn follows the rule of maximum craft and minimum pretension. In some hands this is a recipe for triviality, but not with this playwright who yet again has salvaged the good name of entertainment theatre.

Not that there is anything entertaining about the plays' basic situation; a weekend family reunion in the siblings' dilapidated old country house. Mother, after some illness, has retired to bed for good, thus blighting her youngest *daughter's hopes of escape* and leaving her to yawn away the evenings with the local vet, a *slow-witted sexual non-starter* called Tom.

Then there is brother Reg, a henpecked estate agent who sublimates his frustrations in jokes and board games; and sister Ruth, a brisk career girl enduring an exasperating marriage *to an assistant librarian.* This is Norman, elsewhere described as "a gigolo trapped in a haystack", who has attempted to lure Annie away from mother's bedside for a romantic weekend in East Grinstead. As even that modest plan misfires, we are left with three blamelessly uneventful days. How can a writer extract one comedy from *that, let alone three?*

To begin with, Ayckbourn splits up the simultaneous action and sets each play in a different part of the house: *Table Manners* in the dining room, *Living Together* in the sitting room, and *Round and Round the Garden* where you would expect. Sometimes the plays diverge in time, sometimes they coincide, so that the sight of a flying tin of biscuits *in one play will be overheard* offstage in the next; or Norman's threat to terrify mother will follow through into a scene where he goes upstairs *vowing to wrap the* telephone lead round her neck.

Each play is slanted towards a different conclusion, pairing Norman in turn with each of the *three women.*

Norman commands central position as the wild card in the pack. The other characters, with their families, mortgages and job prospects, are simply too lumbered to move. Norman is there to try and infect them with his own escapist fantasies, and to smash things up.

He always fails, but never admits defeat. That is the comic mainspring; and Tom Courtenay's indefatigably anarchic performance, chipping away at the domestic façade, meeting the family's wrath with submissive guile, and tanking up on dandelion wine in preparation for the next adulterous lunge, is his funniest since *Billy Liar.*

Norman propels the plays towards their climaxes. In between, the comic momentum is kept up by Ayckbourn's eye for suburban manners. This is hardly virgin territory, but the point is not novelty of insight *but the use he makes of things* that everyone has noticed. The family assemble for dinner without being sure where to sit. The managing Sarah takes command, and after a fusillade of contradictory orders we find three men sitting opposite three *women, with Tom on a chair* so low to the ground that Norman addresses him as a *toddler* for the rest of the meal.

The plays gush with bursts of spontaneous invention. "Unrealistic?" shouts Reg in defence of his latest board-game, "What about chess?", and launches into an imitation of horses jumping sideways. Ayckbourn's fertility is such that he can resort shamelessly to the oldest tricks: entrances on kisses, battles with inanimate objects; and make them work as well as ever.

I found the third play the weakest of the trio, although that may be the result of two previous *encounters* with the characters. There does come a point where you feel you know them well enough whatever fresh entanglements may be in store. And some roles pay decreasing dividends by revealing themselves too quickly.

On first contact, the stage is swamped by Penelope Keith's monstrous Sarah, an all-devouring Home Counties martyr, involuntarily sweeping her hand over a chair back before depositing *her coat on it, testily* fingering her pearls while keeping up a civil leer, and dropping deathless lines like: "Mrs Bridges comes in first thing on Tuesday morning and I want to have the house thoroughly clean before she does."

By *degrees, though,* Sarah is overtaken by Michael Gambon's Tom, the golden-hearted zombie, an intelligent man guaranteed to miss every point, and Mark Kingston's bouncily captive Reg. Bridget Turner's Ruth remains too grimly censorious to be fully absorbed into the comedy.

Only Norman himself and *Felicity* Kendal's Annie, a perky bird-like figure whose sense of the absurd occasionally evaporates into uncontrollable fury, remain as engaging at the end as they were at the start.

Students of stage timing will find much to admire in Eric Thompson's production, *which* repeatedly scores its biggest laughs by exploiting the characters' separate rhythms. Look out for the superbly orchestrated *coffee scene in Living Together.* Alan Pickford has followed the author's specifications and designed the house as a "dark brown *museum*" which supplies an aptly sombre background for the fun and the games.

Dance Theatre of Harlem
Sadler's Wells

John Percival

The second programme of this all-black company from New York contains a new work of exceptional insight and imagination. *Forces of Rhythm* is the first ballet by Louis Johnson to *be seen in London* and shows him to be a choreographer of *intelligence* and skill.

On the surface, it appears to be an uncomplicated piece, a medley of different dance styles, ranging from Balanchinesque classicism to jazz, modern dance to ethnic, spirituals to showbiz. All these genres are adroitly handled by the choreographer and handsomely performed by the company.

It is ironic, however, that the *loudest* applause went to the sterotypes of what have been accepted as suitable styles for Negroes. *Bursting into cheers* before William Scott had finished his sinuous, brilliantly accented disco solo, many spectators seemed not to notice the way its ending contradicted the previous good humour in an *agony of death* throes.

The laughter for Paul Russell's strutting minstrel solo in black derby and white socks ignored the fact that by wearing nothing else except a red loincloth the dancer was *identifying* himself with an earlier witch-doctor ensemble.

Beneath its suave surface, *Forces of Rhythm* poses some wry and bitter comments on the difficulties of Negroes in general and this company in particular. Why should they not *prove themselves as good* as white dancers at the noblest of all dance styles? But in doing so, must they abandon their black heritage? The problem is urgent: Johnson puts it shrewdly and incisively, all the more so because *he* makes *his* ballet very entertaining at the *same time.*

The other two new works are pleasant dance suites: school of Balanchine in Arthur Mitchell's *Holberg Suite,* with some lively invention in the *pas de trois* for Virginia Johnson, Homer Bryant and Paul Russell. Talley Beatty's *Caravanserai* is based mainly on repeated short entries by members of its large cast, which makes it seem disjointed, but the movement is smooth enough (perhaps even too *bland) and fluently* danced.

Robbins's Afternoon of a Faun, the only familiar piece on this programme, gets a marvellously convincing performance from Lydia Abarca, whose facial expressions are so subtle that she deserves better lighting. Ronald Perry plays the male role well, although perhaps too reticently; the Debussy music is attractively played by the Royal Ballet's touring orchestra, borrowed for the season, under the Dance Theatre's conductor Tania Viera Leon.

The Age of Innocence
BBC 1

Stanley Reynolds

Later this season we shall apparently *be seeing Harriet* Crawley jump out of an aeroplane in a television series she has just made, so perhaps playing a television auntie is not really the daring Miss C's style.

She certainly looked a bit too dark and wicked on Thursday as she announced *The Age of Innocence,* which is the title of a new and really rather good children's programme presenting paintings, poems, songs, and *little tales all written by school*children. Unlike most children's programmes, these were read out seriously and by no less than Alan Dobie and Sara *Kestelman of the Royal Shake*speare Company.

The children's songs, too, were set to music and sung quite seriously by John Turner and Sarah Bale. So we were far removed from the jolly hockey sticks of ITV's *Magpie* or the funny voices and fall-about of the BBC's *Play Away.*

Still, the best of the material, which this week was about love, were the funny things. Writing about her future husband, one girl wrote: "He will not come home from the pub drunk as a door-nail." A boy wrote: "A lady should have a good memory so she will remember to feed the baby."

How reassuringly old-fashioned most of the children sounded. They love animals, food, specially "loud" food, and annoying their big brothers. There was a Dylan Thomas quality about the lad who said he loved hearing about the night his dad had 16 pints and went into the kitchen and sat down on mother's teacup.

Another boy had a touch of Hemingway in the stoic account of how his pet snail was eaten by a rook. "I went for my air pistol. I fired on the rook. He flew away. I dug a hole and buried my snail."

The girls, as Miss Crawley pointed out, seem more interested in love than the boys. I must say that the work of the teenage girl, here carefully presented in film of lovers in shadows and dappled sunlight, seemed a bit soppy. My 14-year-old boy went out to play Roxy music at that point while the four-year-old, one after Miss Crawley's own heart, jumped out the window. The two-year-old sat hopefully waiting for further mention of noisy food. But perhaps they are not typical. At least, one can always hope.

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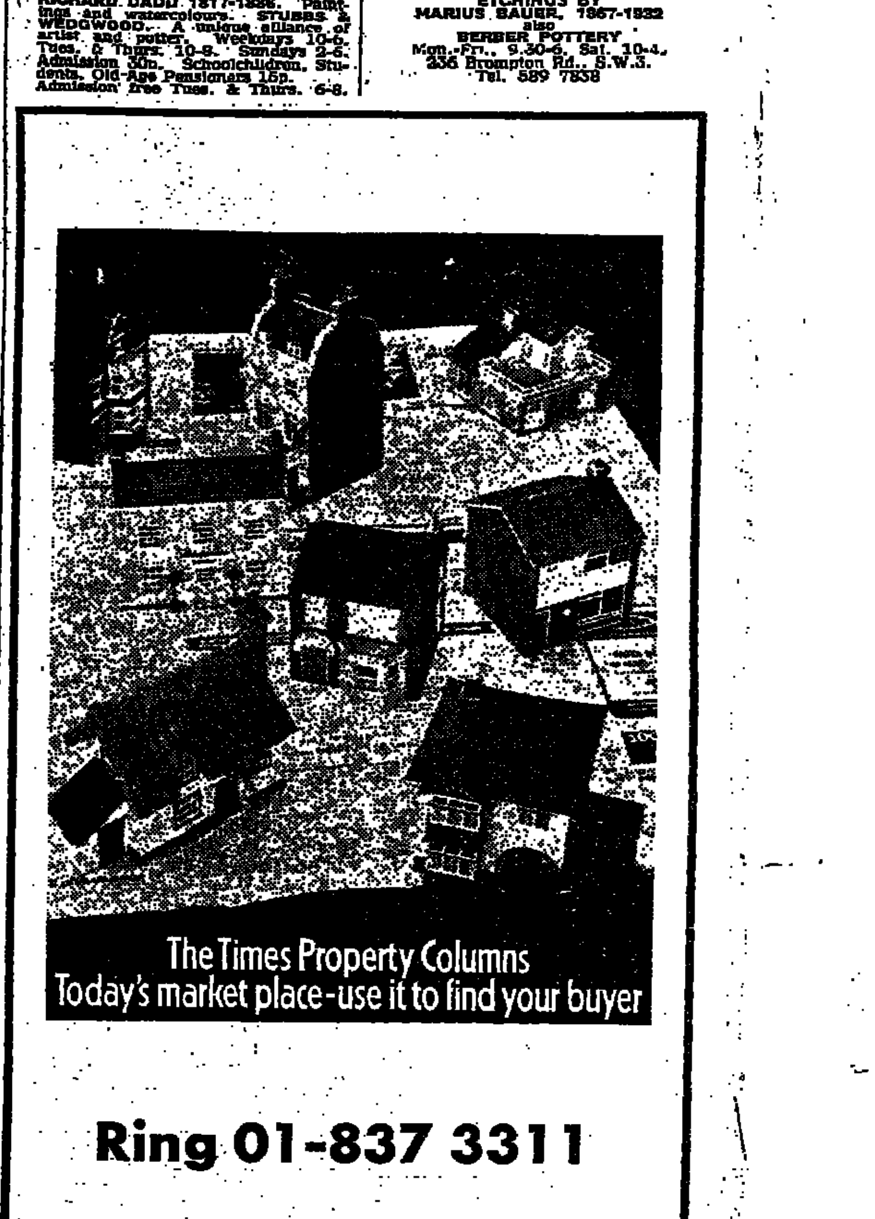
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5.45 News.
6.00 Wonderful World of Disney.
6.45 Film. Three Godfathers (1949), with John Wayne.
8.30 Vera Lynn Show.
9.15 Cannon.
10.05 News.
10.15 Match of the Day : Leeds United v Liverpool.
11.15 That's Life.
11.55 Sergeant Bilko.*
12.20 Weather.
* black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1):
BBC WALES.—5.05-5.45 pm, (and 6.00-6.30), Sounds Glorious. 6.30-6.45, Cartoons. 11.15-11.55, 'Steddfod 74. 12.22 am, Weather. SCOTLAND. 10.15-10.45 pm, Sportsreel. 10.45-11.15, The Spinners. 12.22 am, Scottish News Headlines. NORTHERN IRELAND.—3.15-4.00 pm, (Opt-out from Grandstand): Motor Racing: Ulster Trophy and Strangford Arms Formula Ford Trophy. 5.55-6.00, Northern Ireland News. 12.22 am, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

GRANADA
9.15 am, ATV. 10.05, Sesame Street. 11.10, The Jackson Five. 11.30, Fireball XL5.* 12.00, University Challenge. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Film: The Young Warriors, with James Drury, Steve Carlson. 7.05, Don't Drink the Water. 7.35, Six Million Dollar Man. 8.30, ATV. 9.15, London. 10.30, Film: Modesty Blaise, with Monica Vitti, Dirk Bogarde, Terence Stamp. 12.35-1.30 am, The Saint.

HTV
9.20 am, Adventures in Words. 9.35, Thames. 10.00, Sesame Street. 11.00, Orbit. 11.30, Table Tennis. 12.00, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Bonanza. 6.15, Don't Drink the Water. 6.45, Film: A High Wind in Jamaica, with Anthony Quinn, James Coburn. 8.30, ATV. 9.15, London. 10.30, The Great Western Musical Thunderbox. 11.00, Film: Don't Talk to Strange Men, with Christina Gregg, Janina Faye, Conrad Phillips.* 12.15 am, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 6.15-6.45 pm, Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Myrddin 1974.

WESTWARD
9.45 am, Sesame Street. 10.45, Skippy. 11.10, Tarzan: The Mask of Rona. 12.00, Around the World in 80 Days. 12.25 pm, Gus Honeybun. 12.30, London. 5.20, ATV. 5.50, Sale of the Century. 6.15, Don't Drink the Water. 6.45, Film : The Lion, with William Holden, Capucine. 8.30, ATV. 9.15, London. 10.30, Film: Murder by Contract, with Vince Edwards, Philip Pine.* 11.55, Faith for Life.

ANGLIA
9.00 am, London. 9.55, Cartoons. 10.15, Film: The Geisha Boy, with Jerry Lewis, Suzanne Pleshette. 12.05 pm, Felix the Cat. 12.30, London. 5.20, Tarzan: Eyes of the Lion. 6.15, Don't Drink the Water. 6.45, Film: The Day of the Evil Gun, with Glenn Ford, Arthur Kennedy. 8.30, ATV. 9.15, London. 10.30, Film: Life at the Top, with Laurence Harvey, Jean Simmons, Honor Blackman, Michael Craig.* 12.30 am, At the End of the Day.

TYNE TEES
9.10 am, Talking Hands. 9.25, Chess Master Pierce.* 9.35, London. 10.00, Cartoon. 10.15, Around the World in 80 Days. 10.40, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 11.05, Film: The Body Stealers, with George Sanders, Maurice Evans. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Tarzan: Ultimate Duel. 6.15, Don't Drink the Water. 6.45, Film: How to Steal the World. 8.30, ATV. 9.15, London. 10.30, Film: The Moving Target, with Paul Newman. 12.40 am, Lectern.

ULSTER
10.45 am, Talking Hands. 11.00, Woobinda. 11.30, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Tarzan. 6.15, Don't Drink the Water. 6.45, Film: Hell is for Heroes, with Alan Ladd, Joan Tetzel. 8.25, Summer Results. 8.30, ATV. 9.15, London. 10.30, Griff. 11.30-12.00, The Odd Couple.

BBC 2
7.40 am, Open University :* The Age of Revolutions. 8.05, Pure Mathematics. 8.30, Reading Development. 8.55, The Development of Instruments and their Music. 9.20, System Behaviour. 9.45, Statistics. 10.10, Social Sciences. 10.35, War and Society. 11.00, Great Britain 1750-1950 : Sources and Historiography. 11.25, Education, Economy and Politics. 11.50, Personality Growth and Learning. 12.15 pm, Science. 12.40, Geophysics. 1.05-1.30, School and Society. 2.45, Film : Rose Marie (1936), with Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Eddy.* 4.30, Cricket : Second Test.
6.35 News.
6.55 Summer Season : the experience of National Service through film, music and drama.
8.30 Pot Black : Eddie Charlton v John Spencer.
8.55 News.
9.00 Love and Mr Lewisham : part 4.
9.45 Archie Hill Comes Home : Part 3, Sweat of the Brow.
10.15-12.40 am, Film : Home from the Hill (1960), with Robert Mitchum, Eleanor Parker, George Peppard, George Hamilton.

SOUTHERN
9.15 am, ATV. 10.10, Snooker. 10.35, Primus. 11.00, Weather. 11.05, Dusty's Trail. 11.35, London. 5.20 pm, Woody Woodpecker. 5.40, Tarzan. 6.35, Sale of the Century. 7.05, Film: The Quick Gun, with Audie Murphy, Merry Anders. 8.45, Don't Drink the Water. 9.15, London. 10.30, Film: Saturday Night Out, with Heather Sears, Bernard Lee. 12.15 am, Southern News. 12.20, Weather. Guideline.

YORKSHIRE
9.05 am, London. 10.00, Pippet. 10.05, Arthur of the Britons. 10.30, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 10.55, Film: George Sanders and Maurice Evans in The Body Stealers. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Tarzan, Ultimate Duel. 6.15, Don't Drink the Water. 6.45, Film: How to Steal the World. 8.30, ATV. 9.15, London. 10.30-12.40 am, Film: Paul Newman, Lauren Bacall, Julie Harris and Janet Leigh in The Moving Target.

BORDER
11.05 am, Milton the Monster. 11.35, Tarzan. The Prisoner. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, The Time Tunnel. 6.15, Don't Drink the Water. 6.45, Film: How to Steal the World. 8.20, Cartoon. 8.30, ATV. 9.15, London. 10.30-12.15 am, Film: Gilda, with Rita Hayworth, Glenn Ford, George Macready.

LONDON WEEKEND
9.00 am, Gardening. 9.30, Play Guitar. 9.50, Saturday Scene. 9.55, Primus. 10.25, The Amazing Chan. 10.45, Junior Police Five. 11.00, Forest Rangers. 11.30, UFO. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, Show Jumping (Royal Dublin Horse Show), Los Angeles Invitational Swimming Championships. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven. 1.30, Newmarket. 1.45, Redcar. 2.00, Newmarket. 2.15, Redcar. 2.30, Newmarket. 2.45, Redcar. 3.00, Newmarket. 3.10, Speedway, Anglo - Nordic - American Final of World Championship. 3.50, Results, Scores, News. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.
5.10 News.
5.20 The Partridge Family.
5.50 Tarzan : The Perils of Charity Jones, Part 1.
6.45 Sale of the Century.
7.15 Don't Drink the Water.
7.45 Hawaii Five-O.
8.45 Orson Welles Great Mysteries.
9.15 Good Girl.
10.15 News.
10.30 Film, A Matter of Life and Death (1946) with David Niven, Kim Hunter.
12.30 am, Go Forth and Multiply.

ATV
9.15 am, Gardening. 9.45, Play Guitar. 10.10, Clapperboard. 10.35, Arthur of the Britons. 11.00, Funky Phantom. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.35, Tarzan: To Steal the Rising Sun. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, The Cowboys. 5.50, Don't Drink the Water. 6.15, Sale of the Century. 6.45, McMillan and Wife. 8.30, Wheeltappers and Shunters Social Club. 9.15, London. 10.30-12.00, Name of the Game.

GRAMPIAN
11.00 am, Thrillseekers. 11.30, Zoom : 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, The Persuaders. 6.15, Don't Drink the Water. 6.45, Film: Jason and the Argonauts, with Todd Armstrong, Nancy Kovack. 8.30, ATV. 9.15, London. 10.30, Film: The Friend Who Walked the West, with Hugh O'Brian, Robert Evans, Linda Cristal, Stephen McNally.* 12.15 am, Prayers.

SCOTTISH
10.10 am, Saga of Western Man. 11.00, Film: It's Only Money, with Jerry Lewis, Zachary Scott.* 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, ATV. 6.15, Film: Designing Women, with Gregory Peck, Lauren Bacall, Dolores Gray. 8.30, ATV. 9.15, London. 10.30, Late Call. 10.35, Orson Welles Great Mysteries. 11.05-12.30 am, Film: One Way Street, with James Mason, Marta Toren, Dan Duryea, William Conrad.*

Radio

1
5.00 am, News. Tom Edwards.† 8.03, Racing bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Stuart Henry. 12.00, Rosko. 2.00 pm, The Osmonds Story.† 3.00, Alan Freeman.† 5.00, David Simmons.† 6.30, Elton John.† 7.32, Top Tunes.† 8.30, Radio Orchestra.† 10.02, Alan Black.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Ray Moore. 2.00, News.
† Stereo.

2
5.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Charlie Chester.† 12.02 pm, Max. 1.02, Mostly Monkhouse. 1.30-5.55, Sport, including Football: Leeds United v Liverpool; Racing at Redcar; Cricket: England v Pakistan, Hampshire v Lancashire, Worcestershire v Somerset; Athletics: British International Games and Golf: Dutch Open. 6.03, Band. 6.30, Let's Go Latin. 7.02, Les Dawson. 7.32, Radio 1. 10.02, Europe 74. 11.00, Ray Moore. 12.00-2.02 am, Radio 1.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Harty, Bax, Massenet, Satie, Prokofiev.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Stereo Release: Haydn, Jacob Handl (Gallus), Bach, Schumann, Bruckner.† 11.25-6.40 pm, Cricket: Second Test. 6.40, Critics' Forum. 7.30, Prom : Part 1, Wagner, Chopin.† 8.15, In Positive World. 8.35, Prom: Part 2, Janacek, Dvorak.† 9.35, The Communicator: I eas Council, a Private Watchdog ? interview with Lord Shawcross. 10.15, Lassus.† 10.35, Swinnerton at 90: talk by Frank Swinnerton. 11.20, Sir Henry Wood Conducts: Berlioz, Bach, Vaughan Williams. 11.55-12.00 News.

4
6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Outlook. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Outlook. 7.50, Travel News. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.30, Sportsdesk. 8.40, Today's Papers. 9.00, News. 9.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 9.30, Talking Politics. 10.00, News. 10.02, The Weekly World. 10.15, Service. 10.30, Pick of the Week. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Forces' Chance. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions ? 2.00, Weekend Woman's Hour. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play. The Sultan's Dilemma. 4.00, 4th Dimension. 5.00, News. 5.02, Kaleidoscope. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, Letter from America. 6.30, Sports Session. 7.00, News. 7.02, Desert Island Discs. 7.30, Richard Baker. 8.30, Play. Lord Arthur Savile's Crime. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, The Time of My Life: Lord Harlech. 11.00, Prayers. 11.15-11.30, News. 11.45-11.48, Inshore waters forecast.

BBC Radio London, 94.9 VHF, 206M.

London Broadcasting, 24-hour News and Information Station, 97.3 VHF, 417M.

Capital Radio, 24-hour Music, News and Features Station, 95.8 VHF, 539M.

Radio

Less than superlative

It has not been a week to cause me in the next thousand words or so to reach for the superlatives. Despite an exceptional cast—led by Ralph Richardson and Irene Worth—I came away from Sunday's *John Gabriel Borkman* with the feeling that it would be all one to me if I never encountered the play again. I have not seen it—perhaps on the stage it livens up a bit; in sound it seemed only to offer Ibsen at his most doggedly expository, Ibsen the unremitting hewer-out of vast and probably cosmic moral dilemmas. Now the play sits in the memory like some massive Victorian sculptural tableau, ambitious, grandiloquent, filled with Significance and Aspiration—but in its effect as dead, as numbing as the weight of its own stone.

The evening's listening improved a bit when it went to Radio 4. Another strong cast got *Sword of Honour* off to a start that promises well for the remaining 10 laps. Does Hugh Dickson sound less than Guy Crouchback's 35 years ? I think he does and it grates somewhat. Perhaps he could swiftly manage to age a bit ? For the rest, the casting is very nicely judged: Patrick Troughton's Ritchie-Hook, monstrous but entirely credible, Carlton Hobbs as Guy's father. I should allow just one superlative for Norman Rodway's Apthorpe; Mr Rodway has already rounded out a marvellous comic portrait, but one which at the same time makes the listener wonder if laughter is quite the proper response. This production (by Jane Graham) ought to be worth following.

Certainly without it to remind me that I have not forgotten how to like what I hear, I should have come through Sunday evening convinced that the black dog was at my back. Though infinitely less oppressed by it, I took to Phyllis Gottlieb's *Garden Varieties* with only a little more enthusiasm than to Borkman. This was the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's entry for the 1973 Italia Prize and as such heartily to be welcomed on Radio 4 where in some respects we are the faintest touch inbred; it was described as "a modern morality in which a group of strolling players reinterpret scenes from Genesis"—and again in prospect, welcome. But having heard it, what ? Allow for some irritation with the way the thing was done—more than a touch of the old transatlantic bucolics here with ol' man Noah setting to a square dance, a pursuit in which I have never visualized him and still don't; what still puzzles me is that if this was a reinterpretation, then I do not know what the general drift of it was meant to be. Were there striking contemporary parallels ? I missed them. "The human race is the only race in town" was one of the concluding lines—meaning, presumably, that here we are, as we are and we had best get on with ourselves. Agreed—more or less—but I did not feel that *Garden Varieties* had brought me to that point with the sense of newness or discovery I might have hoped for.

A series of three programmes in which one elderly Professor with no particular rhetorical gifts holds forth all alone and for some three-quarters of each programme's length, is not at first go off what you might rush home from a party to listen to. And you might have been slightly mistaken. As its opening, *Dr Jones's War* repeated a programme originally broadcast in *The Time of My Life,* following it with two others in which Professor Jones recalled how in his younger, merely doctoral days, he had played what—though he hardly so much as hinted at it—was obviously a brilliant and important role in wartime intelligence. Stanley Williamson, who produced in Manchester, had presumably recognized that his undemonstrative subject nevertheless possessed a certain power to hold the attention which would set off the things he had to tell and was probably best left to fend for itself. Had he been so minded, of course, he could have decked out the events in which Professor Jones was concerned with every sound effect in the book—battle, rocketry and flying bombs. But he left it all alone and quite right, too.

Not so *The Brave* which has ended as it began in the realm of dramatized documentary and still the method seemed to me to be undermining the credibility of what it had to say. Mind you, Mary Wimbush's speaking of the part of Edith Bone was sufficiently direct and the story itself sufficently powerful to carry the programme through and compel me—with the odd bloody aside—to hear it out. This was a tale of one woman's imprisonment in Hungary and how she defended herself with spirit and a kind of courageous common sense, not only against interrogation and torture, but from despair. As so often, hearing of these doings in Eastern Europe and Russia, one is struck as much as anything by a sense of farce: the young man who insisted on knowing how Miss Bone had obtained an exit visa from the United Kingdom if she were not a spy and who could not be corrected because he was unable to imagine a country whose inhabitants were at liberty to leave it—he is first cousin to character out of Feydeau. The trouble is, he means every word he says.

Having mentioned a programme I am usually thankful to leave the thing alone until conscience or chance brings it round again. Last week I wrote about *Parents and Children,* but listened in again for interest's sake. This week's edition only served to reinforce the excellent impression its predecessors have already made: adults and young seem to spark each other off in a way that is unusually productive—for a broadcast discussion—of good sense.

David Wade

Sunday

Richard (Marriage Lines) Briers and Diana (Bless This House) Coupland play husband and wife in a comedy by the gently perceptive Julia Jones (ITV 10.15). The big cats get a conservation programme (BBC2 8.10). Repeats bring back the Great War series (BBC1 4.5), Alistair Cooke (BBC1 7.25), Solzhenitsyn (BBC1 8.15), Poulenc (BBC2 9.5) and a Feydeau farce (BBC2 10.0).—L.B.

BBC 1
9.00-9.30 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 10.30-11.30, Communion from Paignton Parish Church. 11.55, 'Steddfod 74. 12.35 pm, Made in Britain. 12.50, Farming. 1.15, Bellamy's Britain. 1.40, News Headlines. 1.45, Bagpuss. 2.00, Film : Doctor at Large (1957) with Dirk Bogarde, Muriel Pavlow, Donald Sinden, James Robertson Justice. 3.35, Journey Through Summer. 4.05, The Great War : Part 1.* 4.50, Alias Smith and Jones. 5.40, The Long Chase.
6.05 News.
6.15 Through the Looking Glass.
6.50 In Every Corner Sing.
7.25 America : by Alistair Cooke.
8.15 Play, The Love Girl and the Innocent, by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, with David Leland, Gabrielle Lloyd.
10.25 News.
10.35 Omnibus at the Proms : second visit.
11.45 André Previn Meets Sheila Armstrong and Sylvia Marcovici.
12.15 am Weather.
* Black and White.

Regional variations (BBC 1):
BBC WALES: 3.35-4.05 pm, Journey Through Summer. 4.05-4.50, That's Life. 6.50-7.25, 'Steddfod '74. 10.35-11.15, Eisteddfod Review. 11.15-11.45, The Spinners. 12.17 am, Weather. SCOTLAND: 10.30-11.30 am, Mass from St Ninian's Roman Catholic Church, Dundee. 3.35-4.05 pm, The Scottish House. 12.17 am, Scottish News Headlines. NORTHERN IRELAND: 12.17 am, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

WESTWARD
9.30 am, Play Guitar. 10.00, London. 11.30, A Place in the Country: The Vyne. 12.00, London. 1.00 pm, Jason King. 1.55, London. 2.55, Film: West Point Story, with James Cagney, Doris Day.* 4.40, London. 5.35, Cartoon. 5.45, Yesterday Today. 6.05, London. 7.25, Film: The Uncle, with Rupert Davies, Brenda Joyce, Robert Duncan.* 9.00, ATV. 10.00, London. 12.00, Faith for Life.

ANGLIA
9.05 am, Yoga for Health. 9.30, Table Tennis. 10.00, London. 11.00, ATV. 12.00, London. 1.00 pm, The Protectors. 1.25, Weather. 1.30, Farming. 2.05, Film: Finders Keepers, with Cliff Richard. 3.40, Texaco Cup. 4.40, London. 7.55, Film: Beloved Infidel, with Gregory Peck, Deborah Kerr. 10.00, London. 12.00, The Bible for Today.

YORKSHIRE
9.05 am, Archery. 9.30, Have You Seen This ? 10.00, London. 11.00, The Saint.* 12.00, London. 1.00 pm, Farming. 1.30, Whicker's South Seas. 2.00, International Snooker. 2.45, Football. 3.45, Department S. 4.40, London. 7.55, Film: Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Grace Kelly in High Society. 10.00-12.00, London.

TYNE TEES
9.10 am, Yoga for Health. 9.35, Have You Seen This ? 10.00, London. 11.00, The Addams Family.* 11.30, Gardening. 12.00, London. 1.00 pm, Farming. 1.30, Waterwise. 2.00, Where the Jobs Are. 2.05, Snooker. 2.45, Football. 3.45, Dead Man's Chest. 4.40, London. 7.55, Film, High Society with Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Grace Kelly. 10.00, London. 12.00, Lectern.

SCOTTISH
11.00 am, Archery. 11.30, ATV. 12.00, Rap. 12.30 pm, Farming. 1.05, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 2.00, Shadow of Golf. 2.15, Black Beauty. 2.45, Film. The Sword of Sherwood Forest with Richard Greene, Peter Cushing. 4.10, Children's Cavalcade. 4.40, London. 6.15, That's the Spirit. 7.00, London. 7.25, ATV. 10.00, London. 12.00, Late Call.

ULSTER
10.35 am, Gilbert and Sullivan for all. 11.30, ATV. 12.00, London. 1.00 pm, UFO. 1.55, London. 2.55, Film. A Yank in the RAF, with Tyrone Power, Betty Grable. 4.40, London. 7.53, Sports Results. 7.55, Film, Woman of Straw, with Gina Lollobrigida, Sean Connery. 10.00-12.00, London.

BBC 2
7.40 am, Open University.* New Trends in Geography: 8.05-8.30, Science and the Rise of Technology since 1800. 8.55, Technology. 9.20, Biochemistry. 9.45, Ecology. 10.10, Linear Mathematics. 10.35, People and Organizations. 11.00, Introduction to Materials. 11.25, Decision-making in Britain. 11.50, Mathematics. 12.15 pm, Elementary Mathematics for Science and Technology. 12.40-1.05, Arts. 1.50, Cricket : John Player League, Surrey v Glamorgan.
6.45 News review.
7.25 They Sold A Million.
8.10 The World About Us : Big Cats and their chances of survival.
9.00 News.
9.05 Poulenc : the life and music of the French composer.
10.10-10.55, Patrick Cargill in Ooh La La ! A Pig in a Poke, by Georges Feydeau.

GRANADA
9.30 am, Have You Seen This ? 10.00, London. 11.00, Tarzan. 12.00, London. 1.00 pm Advanced Driving. 1.30, Film: Lucky Jim, with Ian Carmichael, Terry Thomas, Hugh Griffith.* 3.15, Football. 4.10, A Place in the Country: Compton Castle. 4.40, London. 7.55, Film: Walk Don't Run, with Cary Grant, Samantha Eggar. 10.00, London. 12.00-12.30 am, Time to Remember: The 1930s.

HTV
9.30 am, Preludes. 10.00, London. 11.00, Farming. 11.30, ATV. 12.00, London. 1.00 pm, Advanced Driving. 1.25, University Challenge. 1.55, London. 2.55, Film: St Louis Blues, with Nat King Cole, Eartha Kitt.* 4.40, London. 7.55, Film: Come Blow Your Horn, with Frank Sinatra, Barbara Rush, Lee J. Cobb. 10.00, London. 12.00, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 6.15 pm, Big Questions. 6.40-7.00, Gair Yn Ei Le.

BORDER
9.25 am, Have You Seen This ? 10.00, London. 11.00, Happy Riding. 11.30, Gardening. 12.00, London. 1.00 pm, Border Diary. 1.05, Cartoon. 1.15, Farming. 1.45, Film: The Silver Fleet, with Ralph Richardson, Googie Withers.* 3.15, Football: Texaco Cup. 4.10, The Protectors. 4.40, London. 5.35, Look Who's Talking. 6.05, London. 7.55, High Society, with Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly, Frank Sinatra. 10.00-12.15 am, London.

LONDON WEEKEND
9.35 am, Collecting on a Shoestring. 10.00, Communion from St Andrew's Church, Auckland Co Durham. 11.00, Have You Seen This ? 11.30, The Jackson Five. 12.00, Rap. 12.30 pm, Free Speech. 1.00, Thunderbirds. 1.55, The Big Match : Texaco Cup. 2.55, Family Film : Rio Conchos (1963) with Richard Boone, Stuart Whitman, Tony Franciosa, Jim Brown, Edmond O'Brien. 4.40, The Golden Shot. 5.35, The Intruder.
6.05 News.
6.15 The Mysteries.
7.00 Songs for Sunday.
7.25 My Good Woman.
7.55 Film, Killdozer, with Clint Walker.
9.20 Who Do You Do ?
10.00 News.
10.15 Play, Hearty-Crafty, with Richard Briers, Diana Coupland, Maureen Pryor.
11.15 Parade, with Nash Ensemble, Marian Montgomery, Richard Rodney Bennett, Carlos Bonell.
12.00 Go Forth and Multiply.

ATV
9.00 am, Farming. 9.30, Citizens' Rights. 10.00, London. 11.00, Archery. 11.30, Have You Seen This ? 12.00, London. 1.00 pm, Department S. 2.00, Texaco Cup. 3.00, Film: The Diamond Wizard, with Dennis O'Keefe, Margaret Sheridan.* 4.30, Cartoon. 4.40, London. 7.25, Shaft. 8.50, Cartoon. 9.00, Benny Hill. 10.00-12.00, London.

SOUTHERN
10.00 am, London. 11.00, Weather. 11.03, Farm Progress. 11.30, ATV. 12.00, London. 1.00 pm, Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). 1.55, London. 2.55, Film: Blossoms in the Dust, with Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon. 4.35, Southern News. 4.40, London. 7.55, Film: Wings of the Eagle, with John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Dan Dailey, Ward Bond. 10.00, London. 12.00, Weather. Guideline.

GRAMPIAN
11.00 am, Archery. 11.30, ATV. 12.00, London. 1.00 pm, Farming. 1.30, Farmhouse Kitchen. 1.55, Tarzan: A Gun for Jai. 2.50, Film: Abbott and Costello Go to Mars.* 4.10, Catweazle. 4.40, London. 7.55, Film: Up the Down Staircase, with Sandy Dennis. 10.00, London. 11.55, Prayers.

Radio

1
6.55 am, First Day of the Week. 7.00, News. 7.03, Reginald Dixon.† 8.03, Gospel Road. 8.32, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Paul Burnett. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, Dave Lee Travis. 5.00, My Top 12 with Barry Blue. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.00, Sunday Sport. 7.30, Semprini.† 8.30, Sunday Half-hour.† 9.02, Your 100 Best Tunes.† 10.02, Sounds of Jazz.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Alan Dell. 2.00, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.55 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Sam Costa.† 11.30, People's Service.† 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 2.02, Les Dawson. 2.30, Ragtime to Rock 'N' Roll. 3.30, Dance Band Days. 4.02, Charlie Chester.† 6.00, Radio 1. 7.02, Mostly Monkhouse. 7.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Brass and Strings. 11.02, Alan Dell. 12.00-2.02 am, Radio 1.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Haydn and Bach.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice, with Rafael Puyana.† 11.00, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: Part 1, Britten, Dutilleux.† 11.40, Words: Anthony Quinton. 11.45, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra: Part 2, Elgar, Henze.† 12.20 pm, Let the Peoples Sing.†
12.50, Jessye Norman (soprano), Irwin Gage (Piano): Part 1, Schubert, Mahler.† 1.25, Reading. 1.30, Recital, Part 2, Satie, Wagner.† 2.10, Violin Horn and Piano: Iain Hamilton, Gerhard, Karl Kohn.† 3.00, Bath Festival 1973: Tallis, Messiaen, Schoenberg.† 4.25, A Study in Swinburne. 5.20, Rudolf Kempe Conducts Strauss.† 5.40, Piano recital: Scarlatti.† 6.10, Play. Consider the Lilies, by Susan Hill with Tony Britton.†
7.30, Proms: Elgar.† 9.15, Issues of Our Time: The Breakdown of Authority. 10.25, Piano recital: Beethoven.† 11.30, News. 11.35-12.15 am, Sounds Interesting.†

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Travel

A journey to the Romans' most northerly outpost

the children upstairs ıg television and ıg lemonade, we went ıe public bar for some- a trifle stronger after lendidly cooked, gener- portioned dinner. We tered Newcastle United ıers, a man who painted eggs with fine delicacy a slightly worried land-

now you're on a sort of r", he began, "but will writing about your visit " I said I would, antici- a request for publicity, is the general rule. ıld I ask you not to write us, or the village", he n. "We get just enough through the year and 's as good as a feast. who know about us are their friends, which is a n in itself. We don't o turn into one of your ools or Benidorms."

not believe there is the st chance that the vil- Blank will turn into a tourist fleshpot, nor he "Blank Arms" will a rival to those much r establishments which ywards around the plea- pores—much less a *kind* thumbria Hilton. But the d and his customers dis- a sense of proportion leserves encouragement *all* too rare in the con- and the contest—of n.

ughout the world, never here in Britain, resorts *ational tourist organiza-* hotel developers and so on persist in playing the numbers game of tourism, flaunting their statistics and boasting of their "bed/nights" like starlets trying to catch the producer's eye. "Enough's as good as a feast" is a lesson *learnt reluctantly and almost* always far too late.

So I best serve the interests of Blank village and its pub by saying no more than that it is *fairly* near Newcastle upon Tyne and *quite* close to the castles, camps and ramparts of Hadrian's Wall (which was the object of our domestic exercise and which I'll come to in a moment).

It is quiet and *greystoned*, with a river nearby, sheep and cows in the fields, and a working farm next door to the pub which supplies most of the food. The pub—a real *one, not* a plasticized, tarted-up Wimporium—offers accommodation in five rooms and charges £5 to £5.50 per day for a double room and substantial *English* breakfasts (from £2.75 for a single). The vast dinners cost £1.20, and if you should discover Blank village and the Blank Arms then I believe you will be very satisfied. You will also have an opportunity of *linking, however briefly* and lightly, into the life of a community which has got its priorities right. Thank goodness there are such villages and such people studded around Britain. We are determined to return.

We are, in any case, determined to return to Hadrian's *Wall, to Housesteads* Fort, to Vindolanda with its excavations and reconstructions, and Chesters Fort which would look so much more exciting if more excavation were carried out there. The children scrambled about the changing room and bathhouse itself, and were *suitably impressed* by the museum, crammed with exhibits and information. As they have been lucky enough to explore Pompeii, I half expected a *blasé reaction, but the* Wall caught their imagination.

The *weather* (it was mid-April) had been the unknown factor in this trip, and there had been some rain at the start of our journey. But the days spent along the Wall were bright and the exercise of exploration kept us warm enough. The cliché about history coming alive is—like so many clichés—perfectly true, and this factor added much to our enjoyment.

History came alive with something of a vengeance when we travelled one evening down to Lumley Castle near Chester-le-Street for an Elizabethan banquet. Run by Mr Bill Henderson, it is typical of the functions organized by the aptly-named Historic Productions company, providing mead *and wine (and, in this case,* "Ye juice of ye orange") along with five courses, or removes—broth, fish, spare ribs, chicken ("checkyn in mead") and sweet. The whole meal is presented and served in well-judged theatrical fashion with the "ladies of the court" doubling as waitresses and choir, to provide a full evening of entertainment.

These banquets are tremendously popular and variations on the same theme can be *encountered all over the* country. Historic Productions run no less than seven with plans for two more at least, and though they are particularly popular among foreign visitors, a surprisingly large *local support is evident. It was* certainly so at Lumley Castle that evening, as we progressed from dungeons to baron's hall and, after our meal, to the un-Elizabethan bar. *The cost of* the affair is £3.95 a head, including "Ye VAT".

We had come to Blank village, to the Wall and Lumley Castle by way of Croft-on-Tees, near Darlington. The choice *was made for personal reasons,* for my wife spent most of her childhood in the nearby village of Hurworth. The Croft Spa Inn was our base for this part *of the trip, a hotel which rates* two stars in the RAC guide and upon which a great deal of money is clearly being spent. The public rooms and the *Hunting Lodge restaurant have* been thoroughly refurbished and work was in progress on the bedrooms.

A double room, on bed and breakfast terms cost £8 a night (£9 with private bathroom), but *the hotel has* a special weekend deal by which a couple may have a double room for the single rate of £5 (£5.50 with bathroom). I can testify to the excellence of the menu choice, as well as the set meals—lunch for £1 and dinner for £1.95. To call it a "set" dinner is, perhaps, not strictly true when one has a choice of three starters, two main courses, ample vegetables and *two sweets or cheese* and coffee.

The prices I quote are all exclusive of VAT and on the matter of costs I derived some amusement from an old prospectus lent me by the hotel manager. Undated, though I would guess at the mid-1920s, it offers such unbelievable financial delights as single rooms for 6s 6d a day and *doubles for 11s.,* "*all in*" *terms* 15s per day and a long weekend —from dinner on Friday until after breakfast on Monday—for 45s.

Those may well *have* been the days, but the Croft Spa, which has its origins in the seventeenth century, has known many others. It was one of the *North's finest coaching inns* and visitors also stayed there when taking the mineral waters. Indeed, the inn once boasted a large swimming pool *filled with spa water, but, like* the Spa's sulphur house, it no longer exists.

Having spent the first part of our holiday journey seeking *out Robin Hood, it was an un*expected bonus to discover Croft Rectory, in which Charles Lutwidge Dodgson spent his childhood, and in *whose gardens he played with* his numerous brothers and sisters, writing plays and poems for *their* amusement. The childhood fantasies were the beginnings of "Alice" and all the well known work of Lewis Carroll.

At the end of our 11-day tour, which included a swift foray into Scotland and visits to the grand beaches of the north-east coast, we had *covered 1,600 miles and spent* a little under £30 on petrol. Accommodation had cost a total of £220. Divide that basic sum among five (albeit that one would qualify for discounted accommodation) and you have an average £50 cost. It compares well with a holiday abroad, but one should take into account not only the "spending money" but the *cost of the car which would* have to be transported or hired abroad and which, in this case, was an Avis vehicle.

Avis charges £86 for a two-*week hire of a large car such* as the Cortina 1600 XL, or £147 for an automatic like the Granada GXL. These are "unlimited milage" rates, and by using the *same division* give a per head total of £67.20 or £79.40 for transport and accommodation. Not a high price to pay for Robin Hood and Little John, the peaks of Derbyshire, Lewis Carroll's Croft, the Roman Wall and castles, beaches and moorland. To say nothing of the splendid Blank *Arms in the village of Blank.*

Incidentally, the Avis rates I quote are for larger cars which are necessary when there are three *children* in the family. *For those who can manage* with a four-seater, Avis is offering a special deal this month (August). It is possible to hire such a car for just £48 *for a fortnight (or £28 per* week). This is the total cost with no milage charges.

John Carter

Bridge

Too much finesse

I have emphasized, too often perhaps, my *belief* that many unnecessary finesses are taken, and I will not change the articles of my creed for all the mathematical formulae that may be produced to prove I am wrong. Two deals will help to clarify my argument.

North-South game; dealer West.

	♠ K 10 8 6 ♡ — ◇ A Q J 10 7 5 ♣ Q J 8	
♠ 7 3 2 ♡ A J 10 7 2 ◇ 9 ♣ 9 6 3 2	N W E S	♠ Q 5 ♡ Q 9 5 4 3 ◇ K 8 4 2 ♣ 10 4
	♠ A J 9 4 ♡ K 8 6 ◇ 6 3 ♣ A K 7 5	

West	North	East	South
No	1 Diamond	No	1 Spade
No	3 Spades	No	4 Clubs
No	4 Hearts	No	6 Spades
No	No	No	

West led the ♡A ruffed in dummy. When the defender *leads an ace against a slam con*tract, he suggests that he may have another possible trick lurking behind it. The declarer knew that the odds were slightly in favour of a finesse against the ♠Q and strongly in favour of finessing the ◇K. He entered his hand with the ♣A and finessed the ◇10 to the ◇K; a diamond return broke the slam. My contention is that South should have first of all drawn two *rounds of trumps* without finessing; if the ♠Q did not fall, he had still the finesse against the ◇K in reserve. In fact, it would have been unnecessary, *because* he could afford to surrender a diamond and still make the contract. It is noteworthy that if West had opened the ◇9 instead of the ♡A, *declarer* would probably have fought shy of the diamond finesse and played in the way I suggest.

In the next deal the declarer *was rewarded by making game* when he resisted a temptation to finesse the ◇Q.

North-South game; dealer South.

	♠ Q 8 3 ♡ Q 8 6 5 ◇ 9 8 4 ♣ 10 9 3	
♠ 10 9 6 2 ♡ A 7 4 ◇ 6 2 ♣ K 7 6 5	N W E S	♠ 7 ♡ 10 9 3 ◇ Q 10 7 ♣ A Q J 8 4 2
	♠ A K J 5 4 ♡ K J 2 ◇ A K J 5 3 ♣ —	

South	West	North	East
2 Spades	No	2 No trumps	No
3 Diamonds	No	3 Spades	No
4 Spades	No	No	No

West led the ♣5, ruffed by declarer, who played one round of trumps but could *not* afford to draw the remaining trumps before clearing a side-suit. He then led the ♡J and afterwards the ♡K, which was taken by West, who forced South *again* with a club. Declarer, who had kept the diamond finesse in reserve, cashed the top diamonds and, when the ◇Q did not fall, his winning heart. *He had taken* now seven tricks (three spades, two hearts, two diamonds) and still had the ♠KJ opposite the ♠Q8, West holding ♠10 9 6. A *heart (or a club)* from dummy was ruffed, the ♠K was cashed and the last trick was won with the ♠Q.

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Drink

Cheapness sets the standard

taurant, a shipper, or a merchant should be sed by the cheapest wine eir list. This indicates andards of quality they emselves and reveals their ılities in buying—it takes and experience to find that give pleasure at ate cost. Even the most type of merchant will a number of cheap and ıble wines; House of nd of Hull, and Graingers effield, to cite only two, nore than five or six dozen d £1 or less.

vever, the wine lover will lso looking for bottles at £1-£2. And I would to recommend 12 white that are new or as yet known on the British et. I hope to deal with wines in this range in a e article.

arkling white wines, made ıe champagne method, are for summer parties and for apéritifs or drinking cold food. The House of f has a fine Blanc Brut, fragrant, fruity and with ed elegance (£2.27, Lay & ler, Colchester). This is above my price limit, but worth trying. A previous of the firm loved cham- and was determined that ıative Alsace should also a fine sparkling wine. Saumur, source of many ent sparklers, comes ois-Château (the names ıose of the firm's founder is wife), a blanc de blancs, dry and crisp (£1.76 from oho Wine Market, 3 Greek t, W1). The shippers are nited Kingdom agents for ıger and no greater tribute sparkling wine could be than their belief that ois-Château is an entirely *table apéritif, picnic or* t party wine. The Cavas niu in Barcelona were ed by the family in 1551; range of wines are also *nade by the champagne* method and although Gran Codorniu *is in the £3 range,* another, Non Plus Ultra, made from the same grapes but lighter in style, is £1.90 (Thos Baty of Liverpool). *There is no need* for apologizing about any of the Codorniu wines, which have definite quality.

Nine years ago G. F. Grant introduced Luxembourg wines to Britain. Edelperl is pétillant, *fairly full in character and pre*dominantly riesling as to bouquet. It is a pleasant apéritif and a good accompaniment to smoked fish, prawn or crab *cocktail, or any dish involving* cold chicken or turkey—Edelperl costs £1.29 from G. F. Grant 37, Tooley Street, S.E.1.

A still wine that possesses such outstanding vivacity that it is almost "lively" is McWilliams' Lexia, which Avery of Bristol market exclusively in Britain. Lexia is made from the Muscat grape, so possesses an enticing "grapey" smell, but it is bone dry and astonishingly fresh. Lexia is the sort of all-purpose white, for casual drinking or with light food, that even the smallest cellar should in*clude (£1.23 from Avery of* Bristol). A Bordeaux Sauvignon, Clos Madeleine, moderately full in style, will please both those who appreciate this classic grape *and the dry wines it pro*duces, and people who like a slight roundness to a white wine when drunk by itself. (Clos Madeleine costs £9.85, per case delivered, from Balls Bros., 313 Cambridge Heath Rd, E2). A *white Corbières, Vin Vert,* Montagne d'Alaric, is a new VDQS from a company of vignerons in the Aude; made from the Grenache Gris, it is very pale in colour, lightly fruity, and fresh in style—markedly so for a southern wine. (99p from branches of André Simon). Both these last *are very much multi-purpose* whites.

Slightly heavier wines might follow the sparkling apéritifs at a dinner. Orvieto is a full-bodied Italian wine that, at its best and in its dry form, is definitely of generous character. The traditional straw-covered flasks present problems in packing, and Antinori's Orvieto Classico Castello "La Sala" Secco is in a dumpy flagon, called an Orvietella; it is a substantial wine, excellent for any dish that combines both fish and meat. (£12.79 the case, or £10.95 for a case of six of the big elongated bottles that each holds 1.75 litres, called a "Chiantigianna", (from Hatch, Mansfield, 64/65 Cowcross St. EC1)).

A *comparatively little-known* Loire, that can be simply sharp and acid when exported, is Quincy but Greencoat Vintners have a delicious one, with *shades of flavour and admirable* length. 1972 Quincy, Domaine Meunier Lapha, costs £17.44 the case (from Greencoat Vintners, 24 Greencoat Place, SW1) and *is quite big enough for a dinner* party. The same is true of the 1973 St Véran, bottled by Georges Duboeuf, a house known for the marked appeal and *integrity* of style of their beaujolais. Usually I am not enthusiastic about St Véran or white beaujolais, but this is a charmer, with unexpected subtlety; it deservedly won the first prize at the Mâcon wine fair recently (£1.21 from Genevieve Wine Cellars, 167 Caledonian Road, N1).

A very unusual white Loire is the 1973 Chinon Blanc, Château de Ligré, domaine bottled by Gatien Ferrand. It is outstandingly "pretty", fresh and light enough to drink alone: it would make an admirable first wine at a dinner party. (£1.39 from French Regional Wine Shippers, 10 St James's Place, SW1).

A 1971 Rully, domaine bottled by Perrussan, is substantial enough to partner meat or even light game. It has enough distinction to please the experienced and engaging fragrance and taste to delight the beginner. (£1.89 from Laytons, 11 Gough Square, EC4.)

Pamela Vandyke Price

Chess

The power of speech

If indeed the cynic is right and we never pardon *those whom* we bore, then I am bound to confess that the chess-world is full of unpardonable people. I am aware that in making this confession I am *walking* a tightrope across an abyss. Peering down I can *see people* considerably more gross than beetles who are engaged in a trade even more dreadful than gathering samphire: they are making *speeches. One false step off* the rope and I am precipitated down to be bored to death. A step to the other side, and I am liable to be rent by the sarcasm of those younger fellow chess-players whom I myself have bored. *Either consum*mation is an appalling fate.

Two recent experiences have prompted these observations. One was when a Danish student, *on hearing my name, said* "Ah, you are an old master"! This was on the last night of play at the World Students' Team Championship at Thornaby Pavilion. The other occasion was also concerned with this event: at the prize-giving I had to make a speech—and it is with mixed feelings of guilt and shame that I admit to having enjoyed it.

The guilt is due to the fact that here, *if anywhere*, there was a captive audience. That it was not a restive one is probably due to the circumstance that it was stuffed with sausage rolls and moistened with beer. That the United States second board, Matera, afterwards came up to me to thank me for my World Championship books of 1954 and 1957 and that he added, after undue prompting on my part, that *it could be* said his success (he scored no less than 75 per cent on board 2) was due in large measure to study of these books, I now *ascribe to a blend of courtesy* and pity, qualities which I have observed to exist in America rather more than we Europeans care to admit.

Anyway, bore or no bore, I found the recent World Students' Team Championship a very pleasurable event. I enjoyed the chess which was fresh and hard-fought. I relished *the sight of some 160 young* chess enthusiasts and I loved most of all that feeling of cameraderie, that pleasant friendliness and that bond of *sympathy* that *unites* all true chess-players. True, this was momentarily disturbed by the leader of the Soviet delegation suddenly discovering that, among *the* welter of national flags that had been put up in the Pavilion, there was no Soviet flag. His wrath was not mollified, perhaps even accentuated, by the observation that there was no English flag either. The *organizer's plea in mitigation* that he had sent out to each federation a request that the team should bring its own flag was regarded as a typical trick *by perfidious Albion. Nor could* I find anything satisfactory to reply to the remark that surely it should have been possible to find somewhere in England a Soviet flag of some kind.

It was a pleasurable occasion, rendered all the more so by the fine performance of our home team. We came fourth, which was one place higher than I had originally *graded the English team.* But it was not so much the position as the actual play that I found so encouraging. I am thinking in particular of Michael Stean who, *on second and first board,* played with a fine assurance and a wonderfully calm persistence which stamps him out as a true master. This makes me especially glad that he has been awarded the Turover brilliancy prize for the most brilliant game played at the Nice Olympiad last June. Another game that was put forward as an entry for this prize *was that won by Petrosian* against Visier. I gave this game a few weeks ago and you might like to compare the Stean and Petrosian games and decide *which you think is the better.*

White M. Stean (England). Black: W. Browne (USA). Sicilian Defence.

1 P-K4 P-QB4
2 Kt-KB3 P-Q3
3 P-Q4 PxP
4 KtxP Kt-KB3
5 Kt-QB3 P-QR3
6 B-KKt5 QKt-Q2
7 B-QB4 P-K3
8 0-0 P-R3
9 BxKt KtxB
10 B-Kt3

To prevent Black winning a *pawn by 10 . ., P-QKt4; and 11 . ., P-Kt5.*

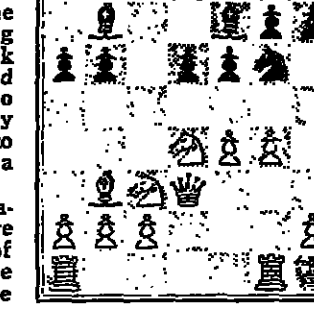
10 . . . P-QKt3

Played to avoid the attack that would result after 10 . ., P-QKt4; 11. P-QR4, P-Kt5; 12. Kt-B6, Q-Kt3; 13. P-R5, Q-B4; 14. Kt-Q5.

11 P-B4 B-Kt2
12 Q-Q3 B-K2

Now if Black can castle then he stands quite well; so White goes in for an interesting sacrifice, the consequences of which cannot be exactly calculated at this stage.

Black (Browne)



White (Stean) to play

13 KtxP PxKt
14 BxP P-QKt4

The idea of this move is to vacate a square on Q1 for his King, after playing Q-Kt3 ch.

15 P-K5 Q-Kt3 ch
16 K-R1 PxP
17 Q-Kt6 ch K-Q1
18 Q-B7 Q-B4
19 PxP BxP ch

Walter Browne is not one to go meekly to his doom and indeed this seems the best chance. If instead 19 . ., QxP; 20. QR-Q1 ch.

20 KxB R-KB1
21 QR-Q1 ch K-B2
22 QxP R-KKt1
23 PxKt RxQ ch
24 PxR B-Q3

If 24. . ., Q-Kt4 ch; 25. K-R1, QxP; 26. R-B7, Q-Kt4; 27. RxB *ch,* when 27 . ., QxR *fails* against 28. Kt-Q5 ch.

25 R-B7 ch K-B3

No better is 25 . ., K-Kt3; 26. Kt-Q5 ch, K-B3; 27. B-Q7 ch, K-Kt2; 28. BxP dis ch.

26 B-Q5 ch K-Kt3
27 BxR Q-Kt4 ch
28 K-R1 B-K4
29 P-Kt4

A neat touch; if 29 . ., BxKt; 30. R-Q6 mate.

29 . . . P-QR4
30 R-Kt7 ch K-B3

Or 30 . ., K-R3; 31. P-QR4.

31 P-Kt8=Q QxQ
32 R-Kt8 dis ch resigns

Harry Golombek

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Gardening

A few cutting comments

I usually write about motor *mowers and other machines in* the spring because at the pre*sent time of year if one's mower* is almost at its last gasp I usually suggest struggling on with it to the end of the season and waiting until next year's models are available. But now, if you have come to the conclusion that you will need a new mower for next year I would suggest you seriously *think of buying it now.*

For one thing, the introduction of new and improved models has slowed down in recent years; also, whatever a mower costs this year you can bet it will cost appreciably more next year. Furthermore you always get a better trade in price for your old mower if you do the deal during the season while the grass is still growing and there is a demand for second hand machines.

And this brings me to another aspect of the problem. Every year one or two of my friends come and ask if they can borrow my rotary grass cutter. *They have been* away on holiday and the grass has grown just too long for their cylinder mower to cut. Usually, if a lawn has been cut close last thing before you go on *holiday* it will not get out of hand in *two weeks, but in* good growing weather, in three or possibly four weeks, the grass may well be a problem.

It is worth considering whether to replace an old cylinder mower with a dual *purpose rotary* machine. The modern types will cut to a lawn finish, or deal with quite long grass. If you are passionately devoted to the "banded cut" *there are rotary machines with* rear rollers that will provide it. The banded cut looks very nice, but it only lasts a day or so.

Recently I have had the pleasure of using the Toro 20in Guardian rotary mower. It is a nice, self-propelled machine with front wheel drive so that if one wishes to stop suddenly, all that is needed is *to press the handle down* to raise the front wheels off the grass.

The machine we have been using has started beautifully, but *if desired one can have* a model with battery operated starter. The grass is collected in a canvas catcher which is very easily clipped on and off. *The 20in model costs* £102.90, with battery starter £130.20. The 19in model, which is similar, but not self-propelled, costs £82.95.

Now a few thoughts about safety with rotary mowers. In *1970 in the United States* there were 140,000 accidents with powered mowers. Against an estimated total of 27 million powered machines this is a small percentage, but most accidents with mowers need not happen. *No comparable figures* are available in Britain, but there are many accidents every year with mowers.

Accidents caused by a stone or piece of debris being flung out at high speed by the blades are not always *preventable. It is* wise to examine the area to be mown for such debris if it is thought that some may be there, but even so, the odd few bits may escape notice and be flung out.

Never walk backwards when using a rotary mower. If you slip you can easily pull the machine on top of you. On long grass with a non self-propelled machine, walk forwards pulling the machine behind you.

Always wear stout leather boots or shoes—even rubber Wellingtons give poor protection if by chance your foot should come in contact with the mower *blade.*

But many accidents cause severe hand injuries. It can happen that the operator puts his fingers under the machine *perhaps to clear an accumula*tion of grass, and he fails to notice that, although he has switched off the engine, the blades are still spinning round *fast enough to chop off a finger.* Always make sure that the blades have stopped spinning before putting your hands anywhere near them.

*One can become too preoccu*pied with pruning. In many cases trees and shrubs are best left alone. Often only a little judicious thinning of over exuberant growth, or *the removal* of a branch that is crossing and rubbing another is all that is required. This business of crossing branches, however, does need watching as the wounds so caused can become infected with disease and may result in the loss of the branches, or worse.

There have, of course, been many books about pruning, some more helpful than others. Often an author attempts to simplify the advice by including diagrams of a tree or shrub before and after pruning. The trouble is that when you take the drawings out to your tree it does not look anything like the one in the book. Eventually one has to learn a bit about why one prunes, when and how. This indeed is the approach taken by Roger Grounds in *Practical Pruning* (Ward Lock £1.35 hardback, 75p paperback).

It is very well illustrated, in colour and black and white, and it covers fruit trees and bushes as well as ornamental trees and shrubs. The training of fruit trees in restricted forms—espaliers, *cordons* and the like is also very clearly described and illustrated.

Roy Hay

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George Hutchinson

Tory guns will fire then battle can commence

Regrettably enough, grouse shooting is not what it was in the upper reaches of the Conservative Party, though it can still be called a Tory pastime. Mr Whitelaw is therefore entitled to congratulations on arranging things rather well by having his pre-election conference of parliamentary candidates today and tomorrow, so that the guns among them can slip away to enjoy the Glorious Twelfth on the moors, heather and bilberries at their feet, just as Mr Harold Macmillan did in years past before returning refreshed to more solemn business.

Besides Mr Heath and Mr Whitelaw, Mr Peter Walker, Mr Robert Carr, Mr James Prior and Mrs Margaret Thatcher will be addressing the conference. It will be held in the St Stephen's Club, which now appears to be rivalling the Carlton as a seat or centre of Tory conclave.

Mrs Thatcher, the Shadow minister for environmental affairs, is to brief the candidates on housing and rates. No one could do it more effectively. She is a superb exponent of policy, putting most of her colleagues to shame by her powers of analysis and explanation.

Important issues to be resolved

In the most complimentary sense of the term, she is a didactic politician of unusual quality. It comes as no surprise that among Tory MPs Mrs Thatcher is more and more spoken of as a possible leader of the party in the fullness of time (she is a mere 48, 10 years younger than Mr Heath). She is simply so much better than most of the men around her. Not all, however: she faces a certain amount of competition.

In the middle of last week, the party's National Advisory Committee on Policy (chairman Mr Heath) was allowed a glimpse of the manifesto, still in incomplete draft. The candidates will hear about it today. By the end of the month Mr Ian Gilmour, the chairman of the Research Department, should be putting the finishing touches to it with the assistance of the department's new, young and accomplished director, Mr Christopher Patten, and the wise Mr James Douglas, for final approval by Mr Heath and the Shadow Cabinet.

But several issues of the very first importance have still to be resolved. Among them is industrial policy, only half-resolved (if that) by the decision not to reintroduce the Industrial Relations Act. On economic policy, the leadership has been patently divided as between severe retrenchment in public expenditure (Mr David Howell) and the attractions of overall growth—the boom-boom of yesteryear (Mr Peter Walker). On Northern Ireland, some members of the Shadow Cabinet remain attached to the so-called Sunningdale Agreement, while others—more realistically—acknowledged its infirmity.

Then there is the matter of a consultative referendum on membership of the EEC. Can the Tories afford to oppose this in the face of popular opinion?

No Tory manifesto, no Tory campaign, can ever have been more critical. The stakes are almost unmentionably high. But Mr Heath and his colleagues are not the sort to become unnerved by the magnitude of the test: they are too spirited and too intelligent for that.

Deep reservoir of good will

Mr Wilson is wrong if he supposes that their resources are exhausted. Their personal capacity apart, he should remember that there is still a deep reservoir of good will towards the Conservatives, battered though they have been in recent months.

An aspect of one of the party's most durable assets—its interests in retaining influence overseas while deprived of formal power—is provided by Mr Dennis Walters, who has previously come to notice in the increasingly important context of Anglo-Arab affairs. Just before the parliamentary recess Mr Walters, the MP for Westbury, returned from a visit—unreported if not unnoticed—to President Sadat of Egypt, whom he saw at his summer residence by the sea in Alexandria.

It was evidently a cordial encounter. Mr Walters is satisfied that despite the apparent (and some would add bizarre) success of the Kissinger-Nixon excursion into the Middle East the Arab states intend to nourish and develop their cooperation with Britain and other European countries.

The Conservatives, for their part, can be expected to maintain the just and sensible Middle East policy pursued by Sir Alec Douglas-Home, unmoved by extremist minorities on either side, Israeli or Arab.

Of course it takes a strong party—a morally strong party, in or out of office—to do this. Moderate policies are not the product of weak parties or limp administrations, but of resolute commitment to principles of reason and fair play.

Extremists are essentially weak

True moderates, one might say, are balanced, measured, steadfast. Extremists are by definition less than balanced, prone to hysteria, essentially weak. They think themselves robust but are in reality feeble.

There are quite a number around, on both sides of the political fence. We shall have to watch them as the election approaches. Not that all of them need be taken too seriously: the preposterous bands of para-military fantasists who have surfaced lately are rather in the nature of toy soldiers. There is more than a touch of the farceur about them. They are probably harmless, drugged to the point of impotence by their imaginings.

President Ford starts with a clean slate at the White House

President Gerald Ford faces a problem this weekend which would surely confound a British Prime Minister. Unlike No 10 Downing Street, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, or the White House as it is commonly known, does not have a permanent staff or archives. When an outgoing President departs, he is followed by his staff and by lorry loads of files. When his successor arrives, only the cooks and cops remain and the files are empty.

The idea of a completely fresh start is no doubt attractive, especially after Watergate, but the difficulties are obvious. Consider for a moment Downing Street without the Cabinet Offices, the Cabinet Secretary and those well-established departmental channels; not only that, but a Downing Street without a Cabinet system and a new incumbent without ministerial experience.

Ridiculous? Mr Ford may ruefully agree, but he must do what he can as all his predecessors have done. Of course, the invaluable Dr Henry Kissinger has stayed on, as have other members of the Cabinet. A warrant officer with the codes to fire intercontinental ballistic missiles at the Republic's enemies is now sitting outside his office or bedroom.

Next door, in the Executive Office Building, the staffs of the National Security Council, the Offices of Management and Budget, and other agencies are at their desks. But under the presidential system developed in recent years much of these are peripheral to the inner decision-making process. This depends largely upon the President's personal staff, which only he can appoint. Without that staff the system cannot function properly.

President Johnson faced a similar situation when he came suddenly to office under even more tragic and precipitate circumstances. The then Cabinet, every man jack of it, was in mid-air somewhere between Tokyo and Honolulu. Fears that Kennedy had been a victim of some nameless conspiracy, home or foreign, were not unnatural. The American people and the free world had to be reassured that presidential authority continued: the Soviet Union that a steady hand was already at the helm.

The transition took place, the continuity of the Presidency was established largely because of the steadfastness of President Johnson, then as untried as is President Ford. It was an extraordinary demonstration of leadership, for which he was never given due credit.

That said, his achievement was made possible because the Kennedy staff agreed to stay on until he recruited his own men. Without them, even those whose loyalty was not self-evident, the consequences could have been very different.

President Ford does not face such a desperate situation, but the American people have to be convinced that he is up to the job. First impressions can be vital. He has a nucleus of a staff from his former congressional and Vice-Presidential offices, but they are untried. They do not know their way about the White House. Probably they are having initial difficulties in ordering a cup of coffee from the White House mess, let alone providing Mr Ford with the support he requires.

He cannot look to the outgoing staff—too many of them are tainted. But help will be available. Washington is filled with men and women who served in previous Administrations. That is one advantage of the American system of recruiting from outside the Civil Service. If only for patriotic reasons, many will be willing to help. Bipartisan support in Congress is certain.

Indeed, we may soon witness a return, or a partial return, to the system which prevailed before presidents got too big for their boots. Apart from resuming regular Cabinet meetings, but not of course a Cabinet form of government, President Ford could depend more upon Congressional advice than his immediate predecessors.

That is probably for the future, although no doubt he is already prepared to listen to Congressional leaders and committee chairmen. He does know that he can also depend upon men who also in Washington are known as the Establishment. These are the former heads of the great departments, the academics, the foundation men and the representatives of business and labour long accustomed, until Mr Nixon denied them access, to being heard.

Some of them used to be known as in-and-outers. That is, they served their President, and then returned to private life to make money before returning to Washington. Such men have well served the Republic in the past, and many must be eager to help again.

Thus President Ford is not the lonely and unsupported man he may appear to be. He has many springs of talent and experience to tap, and he is surely shrewd enough not to deny himself as did his predecessor.

After his modest four-bedroom suburban house, he and his family could find the White House overwhelming. It will also be strange to live, as it were, above the shop. But for all its quiet dignity, the White House is a friendly place. It was always permeated by the egalitarianism of the real Ameri and this could not have been dispell even after six years of Halde and Ehrlichman ruling the roost.

The state reception rooms on ground floor are dignified but too big. The household staff properly attentive but friendly in inimitable American manner. E the policemen are polite, which a great deal for the civili atmosphere of the mansion.

Upstairs, the private quarters pleasant with a superb view, the Truman balcony, over the b yard—yes, that is what Ameri call it—and the Potomac beyond. the family want a quiet evening late snack, they do not have to down to the kitchen. Everythi available, and in human proporti

No, one does not have to be concerned for President Ford in new situation. The American sy of government may look odd British civil servants, even shackle, but it is extraordin resilient. Men and ideas are al available to any President who them. It says much for a truly democratic system, and the relationships in a country when men are once again equal.

Louis He

Why concern is growing over the 'language school' boom

'Desks are rarely provided; some operators do not have textbooks'

Last Thursday's unanimous decision of Brighton Council to call for a Department of Education and Science inquiry into "language schools, study centres, and similar organizations for foreign visitors" reflects the growing concern felt by many towns on the South Coast for their reputation as tourist centres.

The fear of the Brighton councillors is that the current boom in "language schools" which is swelling the numbers of foreign visitors to record levels, and filling the local tills more efficiently than a hot Bank Holiday, will soon create its own backlash, as returning students reveal the precise nature of their unique English educational experience.

Language schools, even the permanent DES-recognized ones, have never enjoyed a particularly good reputation. Poor facilities, lack of qualified teachers, low pay, high fees and large profits have been frequent allegations, and this was highlighted by the strike of teachers at a London branch of one of the best known schools in May of this year. The Berlitz events prompted the formation of the International Language Teachers Branch of MATSA (Managerial, Administrative, Technical and Supervisory Association), and this fledgling white-collar union already has more than 400 members, according to its chairman, Mr Michael Cunningham.

But public attention has now been focused primarily on the temporary or "mushroom" schools which have experienced phenomenal growth in recent years, and chiefly operate during July and August in the South Coast resorts of Brighton, Eastbourne, Worthing, Bournemouth and Torquay. No visitor to these towns today could fail to notice that they are swarming with foreign students, mostly 16 to 18-year-olds from Germany and Scandinavia. The impact of this invasion is considerable, and the 11 cases of shoplifting and the four cases of attacks on foreign students reported in the *Brighton Evening Argus* in the past three weeks serve to illustrate the kind of problems arising from inadequate educational and recreational provision.

Estimates vary as to the precise numbers involved, but inquiries suggest that Brighton alone will not have fewer than 12,000 student visitors this summer, and the accommodation organizer of one temporary school told me that its 1974 British operations involve some 45,000 students coming from places as diverse as Iran, Japan and Mexico.

Because accommodation in Brighton has reached saturation point, many have been promptly dispatched up North to resorts on the East Coast, and even Scotland. But for the students billeted with families in Brighton, the accommodation often means sharing a council house room with perhaps one or even two other foreign students. Brighton, Hove and District Consumer Group say that they have heard of foreign students being crammed into sub-standard accommodation, and the Group's press officer, Mrs Mary Morris, has just announced an autumn campaign to "get a better deal for foreign students".

The educational facilities provided by these "mushroom" schools are, to say the least, rudimentary, since most of them operate from church halls and annexes, and are not really "schools" or "study centres" at all. Desks, for instance, are rarely provided, blackboards are more common, but some operators do not even bother to provide textbooks. Where books are provided, they invariably turn out to be, without exaggeration, absolute rubbish, and students occasionally have to pay for them on top of the £130 to £160 they pay for three weeks' "education".

The course-book provided by one French-owned school, which was recently featured on Southern Television's *Day By Day*, was found to contain between six and 10 spelling mistakes on each page, and the television reporter confessed that he found most of the text incomprehensible.

Nor are teaching standards particularly impressive. The "teachers" are normally vacationing British students, some of whom have degrees, and a few have teaching certificates but I have not yet been able to find one with the recognized TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) qualification. Most teach for perhaps one or two "seasons" only, and look upon the job as an opportunity to earn some pin-money. Despite the fact that the going rate has remained about £1 an hour for the past four or five years, there is no shortage of people willing to teach.

This suits the school owners, and so does the constant turnover of staff, which ensures that teachers are always "fresh", and can put on a good performance to keep the scholars happy. Not surprisingly, teachers tend to get bored pretty rapidly, and are often eased out as they become staid. Naturally, a high turnover of teaching staff has effectively prevented any kind of unionization.

In contrast, the DES-recognized schools employ TEFL-qualified teachers almost without exception. They too are booming, but because their fees are much higher they are not doing as well as the "mushroom" schools, a point recognized by the general secretary of the Association of Recognized English Language Schools (ARELS), Major-General D. B. Egerton, in a recent letter to the *New Statesman* wrote: "Foreign-based course organizers do massive business, but some of them bring discredit on what the public tends to lump together as 'English Language Schools'." This, say the MATSA members I spoke to, merely reflects jealousy on the part of ARELS members, because they are not reaping the huge profits of the "Mushroom" schools.

However, ARELS, MATSA and Brighton Council are united in one respect. They all want the DES to conduct an immediate investigation into the language school phenomenon before the inevitable backlash occurs.

To date, the DES has not reacted positively, and it may be that it is already too late, because the European press has begun to make its own inquiries. On July 18, the Stavanger-based *Rogalands Avis* came out with a lead story warning Norwegian parents about the alleged English summer school "svindel". The Swedish *Expressen* is investigating the British activities of an international summer school and reporter Mr Knut Kallberg says that moderate Scandinavian public opinion does not look too kindly on "exploitation".

Tom Forester

Sportsview

Bowls, a game to win when all seems lost

Two summers ago I began playing bowls. I was casting around at the time for a game to take up, after several years of inactivity. Football? At the age of 36, not likely. Rugby? The press box is safer. Cricket? I was always better at umpiring than playing. Squash rackets? I have tried it, but with no success. Golf? I could never hit the ball straight. Tennis? Badminton? Wherever I turned there seemed to be conclusive objections.

Then I remembered that during my national service in the army I learned to play snooker—which is much more important than learning to slope arms. Snooker demands an accurate eye and instinctive judgment of distance and angle. So does bowls. I had been reasonably proficient at snooker. Perhaps I could carry over that proficiency from cloth to grass. I fancied my chances, and joined the nearest bowls club in north London.

I have won matches but no cups or competitions yet. But the game has got into my blood, and from playing only once or twice a week, as I did initially, I have reached my current point of playing four or five times a week. When I go on holiday almost the first thing I do is seek out the local green.

One of the charms of bowls is that it has no age limit. You can start at nine or 90: sometimes earlier, conceivably later. David Bryant, the first world singles champion, played his first game at the Clevedon club, in Somerset, when he was eight. The other day I read of a man at Cuffley, in Hertfordshire, who is in his 100th year and still playing regularly. Far from being a game for old men, it is a game for all men.

Another attraction is that one game lasts a long time: the pleasures are not over before you have begun to savour them. Bowls is not aimed at the "busy modern man", whoever and wherever he may be, who is popularly believed to have so little time to spare that he must rush everything, even his recreation. If you prefer symphonies to polkas, the tempo and two-hour or three-hour span of bowls will please you.

You need have few, if any, guilty feelings about physical fitness. Natural health is more important. Eat and drink in moderation, sleep soundly, and bowl often (and well, if possible); that is enough. You can forget tracksuits, stop-watches, chest-expanders, cross-country trots, sweat-drenched workouts, and the rather lugubrious intensity that agonizes over the accretion of an ounce. Also, you can get a lovely tan without resorting to the Costa del Sol, the garden, or the chemist.

To complete this case of special pleading, bowls, though booming in its modest way, is not yet part of sporting show business. The first world championships were not held until 1966, in Sydney. The first national course for coaches in England was not held until 1972, at Crystal Palace. Flat-green bowls, as distinct from the crown-green variety played in the north of England, is amateur. Prize-money is a topic of conversation, not a fact. The game has not been over exposed, either in print or on telev It is still a game, not a exchange, a war, or the of a cult.

Bowls has a long hi There is evidence that thing similar was playe Egypt 4,000 years ago, a ancient Greece and Rome Romans, in fact, may brought the game to Br For social or political reas has been out of official f more than once. Edwar Richard II and Henry IV ba it because it interfered wit citizenry's archery pra Henry VIII ordained that ing people could play on Christmas and introduce licensing system for pr greens. The Puritans shunn for its associations with d ing and gambling. The mo game can be said to started in Scotland in when a Glasgow solicitor na Mitchell drew up rules w have been substantially retai

Bowls has attracted its s of famous men. Shakesp alludes to it, directly or directly, in at least two of plays. Drake is alleged to been playing on Plymouth when the Spanish Armada s over the horizon, though no has satisfied posterity tha story is true. Cecil Rhodes a mentor of the game in R esia. George Washington pl in America, Konrad Aden in Germany. Tom Paine, eighteenth century radical p phleteer, amused himself an old English mode of game (which still survives Lewes, in Sussex.

There is one charm a bowls that I nearly overloo This can be called, for wa a more original word, luck matter how skilled the pla once the wood leaves his h there is nothing more he ca however jealously he stalk on its semi-circular tour, h ever graphically he gesticul when it does exactly the op site of what he intended. L you might say, takes over way along the rink. If there an invisible hump or a b patch there, will the wood a it? Is the green as dry and f or as wet and slow, as was cal lated? As for the grove of wo in the vicinity of the jack— luck can then become a quest of fractions. For these reas bowls is a game in which i politic never to give up u your opponent has indubita won.

In my first competitive ma I did not take the lead un the last end, when, I suppo there is no better time to ta it—particularly if you can ke it, as I did. In a recent co petition a friend of mine trail 9-19, and his opponent need a trifle of two shots to win seemed a hopeless position. B my friend, having, as he put given himself a pep talk as stood on the mat, that migh have been the burning deck fo all the chance he seemed stand, proceeded to win s consecutive ends and the matc 21-19.

That kind of recovery is with in the scope of most players distinguished or humble—particularly humble. Who knows, it may happen in the EBA championships, which begin a Worthing on Monday.

Gordon Allan

Robert Southey: Poet happy to put gooseberry pie in the sky

Few English poets can have been parodied and ridiculed as much as Robert Southey, who was born 200 years ago on Monday. Lampooned during his lifetime and dismissed as lightweight by such contemporaries as Byron and Coleridge, and suffering by comparison with those giants, Southey has attracted little attention since his death—except for his prose work, which even Coleridge had to admit was practically faultless. Yet Southey's best verse has a charm all its own: delicate irony, an unerring sense of the absurd and the eccentric, and simple, readable rhythms.

To understand why Southey has been treated with such scorn and indifference, it is necessary to look at his personality. That he was good, kind, honest and reliable is not disputed; indeed Coleridge, who was his brother-in-law, listed all these virtues. He could also be a witty and jolly companion. And yet it seems that he was a man without a soul, at least that could be identified. As Coleridge put it: He is not a man of warmth, or delicacy of feeling, he is not self-oblivious or self-diffused, or acquainted with his own nature. . . . He is a clear handsome piece of water in a park, moved from without—or at best, a smooth stream with one current. . . .

It must be admitted that Southey's poems display no spirit of self-discovery, or much insight into the human soul. His long, heavy epics like *The Curse of Kehama* and *Thala the Destroyer* show a high moral tone and little else. And his shorter works are, in Coleridge's words, "moved from without", often inconsequential. Thus *The Holly Tree*, written in 1798:

O Reader! hast thou ever stood to see
The Holly Tree?
The eye that contemplates it well perceives
Its glossy leaves
Order'd by an intelligence so wise
As might confound the Atheist's sophistries.

No great metaphysical exploration there. But then Southey never pretended anything of the sort. He did not profess to be a Wordsworth or a Coleridge, and it is unfair that he should most often be judged in the light of their achievements. He was, quite simply, a professional writer (who supported a wife and seven children by his pen) and it is in those terms that he should be considered; that and the tremendous capacity for learning, for picking up odd and interesting facts, which is displayed in his work, both verse and prose. He tells us himself how he wishes to be seen, in a poem written when he was 55:

Robert the Rhymer who lives at the Lakes
Describes himself thus, to prevent mistakes;
Or rather, perhaps, be it said, to correct them,
There being plenty about for those who collect them . . .
A man he is by nature merry,
Somewhat Tom-foolish, and comical, very;
Who has gone through the world, not mindful of pelf,
Upon easy terms, thank Heaven, with himself . . .
Having some friends whom he loves dearly,
And no lack of foes, whom he laughs at sincerely;
And never for great, nor for little things,
Has he fretted his guts to fiddle-strings.

Robert Southey was born on August 12, 1774, in Bristol, the son of a draper. At the age of two he was sent to live with his aunt, Elizabeth Tyler, near Bath, and there is no doubt that this period had a profound effect on his personality. By Southey's own account, Aunt Tyler was an autocratic and rather eccentric lady, a beauty in her youth but by 1776 entering middle age, unmarried. The infant Southey was obliged to sleep in his aunt's bed and was not permitted to stir until Miss Tyler, a late riser, was ready to face the day. The boy appears also to have been constantly threatened with the wrath of the devil if he misbehaved. Misbehaviour included getting dirty, for Aunt Tyler had an obsessive dislike of dust and dirt: thus Southey was forced into long periods of inactivity, unable to play like other children.

Another feature of this time was Southey's frequent dreams of his mother, which he recorded later. In these dreams he would fall on her neck, kissing her and crying. In 1780 he went back home and felt that he had regained his mother, but the following year he again

suffered the agony of parting when he was sent to boarding school. Little wonder that in later life his emotions were what one might call self-contained.

Southey later attended Westminster School, from where he was expelled for writing in the school magazine an article against flogging. In 1793, he went to Balliol College, Oxford. He wrote:

Toll on, toll on old Bell! I'll neither pass
The cold and weary hours in heartless rites,
Nor doze away the time. The fire burns bright,
And, bless the maker of this Windsor chair!
(Or polish'd cherry, elbow'd, saddle-seated)
This is the throne of comfort. I will sit
And study here devoutly. . . .

Devout study, however, was not a notable feature of Southey's Oxford career. He learned nothing except that he was a fluent writer of verse and gained little except the acquaintance of Coleridge, who was at Cambridge at the same time. His meeting with Coleridge reinforced Southey's pronounced left-wing views (like Wordsworth and many other young men of the time he supported the French Revolution) and he determined to quit Balliol and set up an ideal egalitarian community in America with Coleridge and other friends. The plan never materialized, and Southey left university to make his living as a writer. His first major poem, *Joan of Arc*, was published in 1795.

That same year, Southey and Coleridge married two sisters—respectively Edith and Sarah Fricker, the attractive but by all accounts dull daughters of a Bristol manufacturer of sugar-boiling pans. Southey's finances were now a matter of urgency. He began to read for the Bar, though that did not last long; had a book published on an earlier visit to Spain and Portugal, and started work as a reviewer. His political sympathies and disgust at the British attitude towards France can be seen in *The Battle of Blenheim*, written in 1798:

"It was the English", Kaspar cried,
"Who put the French to rout;
But what they fought each other for,
I could not well make out;
But everybody said", quoth he,
"That 't was a famous victory."

Two years and a second visit to Portugal, however, changed Southey's attitude. He developed a deep mistrust of Catholicism and embraced the Tory philosophy which was to mark the rest of his life. In 1800 he wrote:

France has played the traitor with liberty . . . England has mended —is mending—will mend. I still have faith enough in God, and hope enough of man, but not of France! Freedom cannot grow up in that hotbed of immorality: that oak must root in hardier soil —England or Germany.

Returning to England in 1801, Southey became private secretary to the Irish Chancellor of the Exchequer and worked hard at his writing. He left his government post in 1802 and the following year moved to Greta Hall in the Lake District, where he was to spend the rest of his life. He now devoted all his time to writing—epic poems like the *Chronicle of the Cid* (1808), journalism, reviews and prose work like *Letters from England* (1807), which purports to be written by a Spanish visitor and contains a remarkably detailed picture of English life. He was a safe and respectable choice for Poet Laureate in 1813, the same year he published the much praised *Life of Nelson*. He died on March 21, 1843.

Most of Southey's best poetry was written between 1789-99. Poems like *The Old Man's Comforts and how he Gained them*:

You are old, Father William, the young man cried,
The few locks which are left you are grey;
You are hale, Father William, a hearty old man,
Now tell me the reason, I pray.'

Which was parodied thus by Lewis Carroll:

"You are old, Father William", the young man said,
"And your hair has become very white;
And yet you incessantly stand on your head—
Do you think, at your age, it is right?

But surely Carroll's is a parody of a parody, based as it is on the work of a man who could write an ode to *Goose-Berry-Pie*:

Gooseberry-Pie is best.
Full of the theme, O Muse, begin the song!
What though the sunbeams of the West
Mature within the Turtle's breast
Blood glutinous and fat of verdant hue?
What though the Deer bound sportively along
O'er springy turf, the Park's elastic vest?
Give them their honours due . . .
But Gooseberry-Pie is best.

A man who, though lampooned, can himself lampoon the cheap magazine rhymes of the age in *The Amatory Poems of Abel Shufflebottom*:

She held a *cup and ball* of ivory white,
Less white the ivory than her snowy hand!
Enrapt, I watch'd her from my secret stand,
And now, intent, in *innocent* delight,
Her taper fingers twirl'd the giddy ball,
Now tost it, following still with EAGLE *sight*,
Now on the pointed end *infix'd* its fall.
Marking her sport I mused, and musing sigh'd,
Methought the BALL she play'd with was my HEART.

Southey tells us in *Robert the Rhymer* that he does not wish to be taken too seriously. He does not expect to be hailed as a genius; he is a man making his living in the way he knows best, with skill and charm. There is much enjoyment to be found in his work if the reader does not seek great depth, or the statement of eternal truths. Perhaps Southey puts his work into the correct perspective in *Inscription for a coffee Pot* (1830):

A golden medal was voted to me
By a certain Royal Society;
'Twas not a thing at which to scoff,
For fifty guineas was the cost thereof;
On one side a head of the king you might see,
And on the other was Mercury!
But I was scant of worldly riches,
And moreover the Mercury had no breeches;
So thinking of honour and utility too,
And having modesty also in view,
I sold this medal (why should I not?)
And with the money which for it I got,
I purchased this silver coffee-pot . . . .

David Sinclair

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BACKLOG OF BUSINESS

President Ford begins his term of office with several advantages. After the shattering events of recent weeks there is sure to be a wave of popular support for the incoming President. Throughout the United States people will wish Mr Ford well and want to rally round him. For a man who may be unsure of his capacity to tackle the awesome tasks ahead such moral support will be a source of strength.

The Congress will be eager to give the new President its backing too. The bipartisan feeling, which was manifested in the effort to purge the country of the ills which beset it under the previous administration, can now be given a constructive outlet, in rallying to the new President. How long this feeling will last, given the imminence of mid-term elections, let alone a new presidential *election in two years* time, is an open question. But *for the time being*, the perennial difficulty of a Republican President *dealing with a Democratic*-controlled Congress will not be *the handicap it was.*

The new Presidency will be a *blend of continuity and renewal*, and the first place for renewal is *in the White House administration* itself. The unfitness of some *of Mr Nixon's staff for the* special trust which is required of *presidential advisers was the* direct cause of his own downfall. *Continuity in foreign policy*, which is where it matters most, *is secured by Dr Kissinger's* agreement to stay on. It would *have been understandable had* the Secretary of State insisted on *leaving his post, because he was*, in a quite different sense from *other senior ministers*, Mr Nixon's man. His decision to stay, which will certainly be greeted outside the United States with great relief, gives Mr Ford's administration a flying start.

He had already made it clear, on the eve of becoming *President*, that he would seek to pursue the same foreign policy objectives as his predecessor. It is significant that in *recent days Pravda has* broken its studied silence about Mr Nixon's *predicament* to urge that *détente* is a continuing policy, *not dependent* on personalities. That is an encouraging sign. It implies that the gains of the past few years will not be squandered in opportunism by hardliners in Moscow.

Mr Ford used to be a hardliner himself towards communism. But he, too, has made the pilgrimage to Peking, and the Chinese leaders know something of him. It should not be too difficult for the new President to reassure both the Soviet Union and China *that* this administration will keep bright the new understandings which American diplomacy has achieved. *With the Middle East* never far from the brink of war, and serious trouble in the eastern Mediterranean, it is essential *that American foreign policy re*mains clear and firm.

Rather *it is towards America's* allies in Europe that Mr Ford *needs to be more forthcoming.* Last year's "Year of Europe" *was a failure.* There was *some* suspicion that Mr Nixon was trying *to exploit the alliance to* divert attention from his pro*blems in Washington, and in any* case, Dr Kissinger somewhat misjudged *the conception of* European partnership in his *highhanded approach to events.* Though the need for better con*sultation is now accepted* by both sides, Nato is hardly in good shape and American-EEC relations are strained.

It is in the economic sphere *that a new initiative is most* urgently needed. The whole post-*war movement towards free trade* is undermined by the instability *of currencies, mounting inflation* in the western world, and the *threat of protectionism. If in due* course Mr Ford can persuade *Congress to grant him the neces*sary authority to resume the *trade negotiations launched in* Geneva, it will be a major step *forward*; and he will anyway have to give urgent attention to international monetary problems.

The President's natural priority, however much foreign affairs preoccupy America's allies, will *be domestic. He has said* that his presidency is more likely to *bring a change of style than of* substance. That is, indeed, vital. An end to the system of overlordships by special assistants and a *return to regular cabinet meet*ings, where department heads can report to the President directly, will set right much that was *wrong.*

The basic problems of the *American economy*, in unemployment and poverty, in waste *of resources and misplaced con*sumption, in social and racial *inequalities, cannot* be resolved by the wave of a wand or in a two-year presidential *term.* What Mr Ford needs to do is to convey *to the nation that his own sense* of fair play and self-help will be *encouraged* in society *as* a whole. In place of shady deals among unsavoury *interest groups*, there needs to be decency and concern. *Every new presidency* offers the opportunity of a fresh start and Mr Ford has the qualities to take that opportunity.

WILL MR NIXON BE INDICTED?

Mr Richard Nixon *is* now a private citizen once again. Like *any other private citizen* he *is* answerable through the courts for any criminal acts which he may have committed. And on the face of the voluminous testimony gushing out of Watergate he may well be in jeopardy of prosecution. Yet there are probably few in the new Administration or on Capitol Hill who have any relish for the spectacle of a former President charged, possibly convicted and possibly imprisoned for offences committed while he *held office. It is commonly felt* that deposition and disgrace are punishment enough; that vindictiveness or the appearance of it should be avoided; and that the dignity and repute of the highest office in the *United States* have suffered enough already without the continuation of now unnecessary legal proceedings. These considerations point towards some act of immunity or clemency *in Mr Nixon's favour.*

Yet the purpose and value of the long, painful, tortuous endeavour to reach the truth about the Watergate affair has been to establish responsibility for *wrongdoing and to reassert the* supremacy of law over executive *power. Not the least of the prin*ciples to be reasserted is that no man *is too great or too special* to be exempt from the rule of *law or the processes of justice.* It would be paradoxical, if not actually a *frustration of the pur*gation that has occurred, if the denouement were to be some special arrangement to protect *the central figure in the affair* with precisely such an exemp*tion. Besides, some of Mr Nixon's* associates, agents and tools have *been convicted and sentenced*, others are standing or awaiting trial. Common fairness dictates that he be joined with them if *the evidence warrants it.* These considerations point away from any arrangement, tacit or declared, to spare Mr Nixon from legal pursuit.

It might be possible to reconcile these contradictory indications by granting a general amnesty to *all concerned* in the Watergate business. It would in a way be appropriate for this presidency to grant an amnesty in respect of the conspiracy which brought ruin to the previous *presidency. But such an amnesty* would presumably have to be a *legislative act if it were to avoid* the character of irregular execu*tive interference in the admini*stration of justice. The Congress *might not take to it*, especially having noted the absence of con*trition from Mr Nixon's valedic*tory addresses. Anyway it would not be easy to define the precise bounds of Watergate for that purpose. *However they were set* there would be likely to lie out*side them similar proceedings* with as good a title to clemency. *And if those proceedings were* brought in, the thing would approach a *general* amnesty towards past corruption in public life, which is a great deal more than is deserved or required.

Perhaps some way *will* be found by the combined ingenuity of lawyers and politicians to keep Mr Nixon out of court without creating the appearance that justice has been bent for the purpose. But if not, if a choice has to be made, the safer course for the new Administration would be to allow Mr Nixon to stand trial, if trial is warranted, unappetizing as that prospect is.

CATASTROPHE IN BANGLADESH

The floods now stretching over nineteen thousand square miles of Bangladesh are of a scale and intensity unknown in living memory. For fifty days it has rained; rained in the uplands *where the rushing waters pile up* in the Ganges and Brahmaputra rivers; rained over the fields in which the summer rice crop was *within a few days of harvesting*; rained in a country that expects a rainy season at this time of the year but has never known so vicious and relentless a fall going on for so long. Five inches in a day? That was never surprising in the month of July. But five inches *in a day four days in the week* three weeks in the month for close on two months *defeats* all emergency measures and shatters *all hopes. No wonder Bangladesh* looks despairingly out and cries *for aid.*

The notches downwards from *suffering to catastrophe run* thus: the peasants move to high *ground hopefully waiting for* succour and an end to the rising waters; they must have shelter of some kind from which they miserably watch the utter destruction of a whole crop of which 90 per cent has now gone—that means 20 per cent of Bangladesh's total food supply for *this year.* Then come the epidemics of which cholera is the worst and is already rampant. But even if the people can be rescued and can be provided with shelter; and if the epidemics can be quickly arrested by the supply of fast medical aid, *it is the future that looks most* threatening.

With the loss of the crop goes the loss of hundreds of cattle and *of seed so that hopes for the* winter crop must be endangered *unless these two vital needs are* also speedily made good. Other*wise no cattle for ploughing and* no seed for sowing. In 1972 *Bangladesh suffered* a shortfall of 2.8 million tons of grain. In 1973 a serious effort to expand production brought that short*fall down to 1.8 million tons.* But it cannot be seen from known resources within the country how serious famine can be avoided in 1975 in the face of the latest disaster. Only aid from outside can give the country spirit and hope. Latest reports do promise that the floods may now be reaching the turning point. The waters are stagnant and should soon *begin to recede if fresh rainfall* does not follow. But the irreparable damage has been done and the disaster is already inescapable.

The suffering is not confined to a countryside on which secure towns can turn their backs. At least five towns are completely *submerged and most others have* felt the force of the flooding *including Dacca, the capital.* The consciousness of the disaster is *thus nationwide. As ever in such* dramatic turnabouts aid needs to be *quickly* but *not thoughtlessly* applied. A survey is in progress by the International Red Cross and United Nations agencies have all been alerted. If only to restore confidence among the people gestures of world aid should be promptly made for this most luckless of countries and most long-suffering of peoples.

Federation in Cyprus

From Mr A. A. Pallis

Sir, Your Diplomatic Correspondent in your issue of July 29, summarizes the options that have so far presented themselves for the solution of the Cyprus problem. These are: union with Greece which Turkey rejects; partition between Greece and Turkey, rejected by Greece; and the maintenance of an independent Cyprus, with a quasi-federal organization designed to keep the two communities apart, proposed by Turkey but not *acceptable to* Greece.

In this last case, it is necessary I think, to dot the i's and explain what is meant by a federal solution, otherwise the ordinary person is likely to be misled. We have always been accustomed to think of federation as a union of separate *territorial units.* The Austro-Hungarian Monarchy was, for instance, a *federal union* between two countries. The old German *Confederation* was a federal union between a number of states. The United States of America is also a federation of states. The Swiss Confederation is a federal union of cantons.

But the federal system which Turkey would like to see applied to Cyprus has no territorial basis whatsoever. *According to the Turkish* view, it would be possible for the two communities, Turkish and Greek, to coexist within one unitary state—the state of Cyprus—but the members of each community would each come under a separate administration of their own—that is to say, there would be Turkish civil servants and *Turkish judges to deal* with the affairs of Turkish Cypriots. *Similarly, the Greek Cypriots would* have their own civil and judicial *administration.*

This *sui generis* federation—a *kind of "ham sandwich" federation* it might be called—has been re*jected by the Greek side* as unworkable and destroying the unity of the state.

If there is to be federation it must *be on a territorial basis. But here* we come up against a fundamental *difficulty—it is not possible*, with the present distribution of popula*tion*, to divide the island into two sectors one of which will be predominantly Turkish. Turkish and Greek villages are inextricably mixed up all over the island and in many cases the villages are of mixed population—Turkish and Greek.

If there is to be some kind of federal solution, a start should be made by dividing the island into two cantons—one Turkish and the *other Greek—the respective areas to* be determined on the basis of popu*lation. After* agreement on the area of the two cantons, it should be followed by a compulsory exchange of populations similar to the one which took place in 1923 after the First World War under the terms of the Convention of Lausanne.

In this way no Turks would remain under Greek administration, which is what Turkey desires. The number of persons thus displaced would be considerable, but this would be a small price to pay for peace and quiet between the two communities on the island.

The two cantons would form a federation, the central Government retaining the control of external affairs, defence and customs dues. The President and Vice-President of the fededal republic would remain, as at present, respectively Greek and Turkish, but with a curtailment of the extensive powers of veto now enjoyed by the Turkish vice-president, the abuse of which in the past has paralysed the functioning of the state.

Yours truly,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nato short-war strategy

From Mr Colin Gray

Sir, The letter by Mr Alan Williams (August 5), *while laudable for its* cogent analysis of the potential *damage to Nato that lurks within* the Cyprus imbroglio, reflects that *enduring over-fascination with the* Balkans and the Near East that has been so unfortunate a hallmark of British strategic thought and practice.

Mr Williams claims that there are some who argue that "Western *Europe's long-term credibility* depends on the Central Front and *the Central Front alone*", while others—among whom Mr Williams clearly is to be numbered—believe that "the credibility of Nato as a whole" depends upon a relative *shift of Nato resources* from the centre and the north to the south. *Under the present circumstances*, Mr Williams' advice could hardly be less fortunate. In the first place, the military balance on the south flank of Nato (Italy, Greece, Turkey) is far more satisfactory than it is on the northern flank or in the central *region. If anything, some Italian* forces should be moved to Germany. Secondly, Nato must resist in Germany if she is to resist anywhere. A war in Europe could be lost *in* three days on the central front, while three days of defeat on the southern flank *would be strictly of local significance* —if the central front holds.

As a respected defence expert, Mr Williams must surely be aware that the significant debate over Nato strategy today is not between the advocates of more or of less attention being paid to the southern flank, rather is it between the *various factions who are arguing as* to how best Nato should prepare to *defend* against the Soviet short-war doctrine on the central front. Recent studies from the Brookings Institution and the Rand Corporation have demonstrated beyond reasonable doubt that although Nato should *win* a long conventional war, the Warsaw *Pact should win a short conventional* war. With these well-substantiated *conclusions indicating the very real* potential danger in Central Europe, it is little short of frivolous to suggest that Nato's central and northern members should be more active in the Balkans and the Eastern Mediterranean.

The *status quo ante* might just be restored in the Balkans were the *central front to hold, but it is* difficult to see what Greece and Turkey could contribute to the liberation of a Western Europe that had been overrun. We are not in an either-or situation. I agree with Mr Williams that the southern flank is important, but I happen to believe that the central (and northern) flank is far more important. If Nato had a sensible military posture that held *out some reasonable prospect for* the defence of Western Europe, then it would be appropriate to consider what more could be done for Greece and Turkey.

Yours sincerely,

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August 6.

Tolerance of minorities

From Mr Anthony Blond and others

Sir, *Tunbridge Wells Council has* refused to let its Assembly Hall for *a recital* in September. It objects not to the performer (who is of international repute) nor to the programme (of piano music by Chopin) but to the organizers, the Campaign for Homosexual Equality.

Dread of homosexuals, like dread of dark-skinned *strangers*, menstruating women and the number 13, *is an old emotion* but scarcely an intellectually respectable one. In acting on it, the council is being no more realistic than if it tried to balance the municipal budget by seeking the philosopher's stone. The council's action certainly makes the *council look daft.*

Unfortunately, it is likely to have more important effects as well. Democracy depends on reciprocal tolerance and on the majority's not cutting off harmless minorities from lawful means of self-expression. It is *impeded* when official power, derived from the whole community, *is used to implement the prejudices* of Alf Garnett.

We appeal to the council to stop panicking and think. Can it name any specific harm it can reasonably expect to result if it allows those inhabitants of Tunbridge Wells who *want to do so to listen to Chopin on* the strength of tickets printed by CHE? Does it seriously, after reflection, want to use its administrative power in a genteel and within-the-law version of queer-bashing?

Yours truly,

ANTHONY BLOND,
BRIGID BROPHY,
PETER MAXWELL DAVIES,
MARTIN ENNALS,
PETER HAIN,
IAN HARVEY,
T. COLIN HARVEY,
JAMES HEMMING,
H. MONTGOMERY HYDE,
ARNOLD LINKEN,
GEORGE MELLY,
NORMAN PITTENGER,
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Battered councils

From Mr D. W. Parry

Sir, Your leader today (August 6) said that "the ratepayer tends to *conclude that there is profligacy* somewhere in the town hall". On *the next page was* a picture of residents doing as they pleased on a designated fence with paint provided by the Lambeth Council.

You might be interested to know that the fence you pictured now has an inscription painted no doubt by a ratepayer and equally no doubt at his own expense—"If the council has this much money to waste why not cut the rates".

Yours, etc,

D. W. PARRY,
4 Guildford Road, SW8.
August 6.

The taxing of capital transfers

From Mr C. N. Beattie, QC

Sir, May I congratulate Mr Healey on *his very sensible capital* transfer tax proposals? He has grasped the point *which* has eluded his Conservative predecessors that a tax must apply universally without special exceptions and reliefs. This closes the door to tax avoidance, does justice as between one taxpayer and another, and enables the *overall rates to be reduced.*

Mr Healey has reduced the con*fiscatory rates on transfers on death* which were operative under previous Conservative administrations, and at the same time has closed the loopholes which those administrations left open. The rates of capital transfer tax stated as maxima in the White Paper *are still far too high*, but the rates actually imposed may prove in the event to be below those stated maxima.

There is a hint in the White Paper that special reliefs may be given to full-time farmers and business men. I trust that the Government will firmly resist any such proposal, which would begin to erode the principle of universal application. The right way to avoid undue *damage to farmers and business* men, or anyone else, is by reduction in the overall rates.

I hope that Mr Healey will bring his considerable acumen to bear on the capital gains tax, and reach the conclusion that it ought to be *abolished.* This tax is *remarkable* in combining in a single tax nearly all of the worst features that a tax can have. It is unfair, as there is no reason for taxing a capital gain rather than original capital; it lends itself to avoidance on a scale which *is unique among taxes*; *it is damag*ing to business; it is expensive to collect; and its yield is frugal except when it taxes inflationary gains which are not gains at all. The introduction of a thoroughly sound tax on capital in the form of the *capital transfer tax is surely the* occasion for the abolition of the capital gains tax.

Yours faithfully,

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August 9.

From Mr George Polanyi and Mr John Wood

Sir, In referring (Letters, August 8) to our paper on the distribution of wealth, Professor John Vaizey wrote that "the authors suggest *that 31 per cent of total personal* wealth in 1970 was owned by 1 per cent of adults". Not so. What we tried to suggest was that this is exactly the kind of statement which should be avoided. The lack of reliable data about wealth and wealth holders cannot, *in our view*, be made good by the misleading use *of data compiled for other purposes* ie the collection of estate duty. The Green Paper on the wealth tax—which incidentally does not help us with any new figures—seems to support our view that so many conceptual and statistical difficulties exist that estimates about the *distri*bution of wealth must be made with *considerable* caution.

Nevertheless, even an incomplete allowance for wealth in the hands of the majority of the population, but omitted or understated in data from estate duty leads to an amended estimate that the share of the richest 1 per cent in 1973 was about 14 per cent. Moreover, this makes *no* allowance for *dependants of* rich individuals whom the figures treat *as if they were paupers*, nor for the omission (apart from pensions) of collectively available wealth (eg medical care, education, council housing). It seems unlikely therefore that the share of the top 1 per cent is in fact more than 10 per cent of total wealth.

This proportion gives quite a dif*ferent order of magnitude from the* statement attributed to us by Professor Vaizey, which is also reproduced in more approximate form in the Green Paper, and has unfortunately been echoed frequently on radio and on television in the last few days by *the Chancellor of the* Exchequer.

Your faithfully,

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From Mr D. G. Addenbrooke

Sir, Is it when we have finished the redistribution of existing wealth that *we will again turn our attention to* the creation of new wealth?

Yours faithfully,

D. G. ADDENBROOKE,
Highbury Place, N5.
August 8.

From Mr David Douglas

Sir, Redistribution to whom?

Yours faithfully,

DAVID DOUGLAS,
14 Remington Street, N1.
August 8.

Index-linked savings

From Lady Burton of Coventry

Sir, Whatever the doubts expressed by some the vast majority of people will welcome the departure of the Government from the status quo in their effort to safeguard savings of pensioners and the elderly.

Having said that I would return to a previous *theme. Would the* Government, as a matter of urgency, try to help the considerable number existing on small fixed incomes who need the annual interest to live on and, secondly, those who may feel that five years is too far ahead for them to benefit? Both groups need help *now.*

As the *status quo has* been breached may I, once more, put for*ward a plea that money* saved by people through their working years, taxed when received and then put by in building society or insurance company to live on in old age, just cannot be classified as "unearned income"? Could not the income from what I will call "working" savings be either free of tax or *classified as earned income after* pensionable age?

And could not the contributory old age pension (the retirement pension) be taken out of taxation altogether?

My concern is for the millions who desperately need this life-line and if a few rich people benefit that is no reason for denying justice to the non-rich who are terrified at the thought of the next five years: in some cases their last five years. Is this too much to ask?

Yours faithfully,

BURTON OF COVENTRY,
House of Lords.
August 7.

State shipbuilding

From Mr Max Davies

Sir, The principal reason for nationalizing the shipbuilding industry and its associated industries is, says the Secretary of State, because of its need for heavy and purposeful investment.

The Government intends to create a national oil corporation "to take charge of the *control and distribu*tion of North Sea oil", a field of operation which demands huge investments with long lead times and essential needs for foresight, initiative and close cooperation between the technical and accounting arms.

On May 18 last you reported a speech by Mr Richard Marsh, Chairman of the *British Railways Board*, in which he showed his impatience *with* government policy whatever party was in power, when he said that "not one of the five year investment plans the railways produced had remained intact for more than six months. This was due to the inability and unwillingness of gov*ernments to settle investment plans* for more than an inadequate period ahead".

Contemplation of the actions foreshadowed in paragraphs one and two above in the light of paragraph three fills me with foreboding, and I am sure many like me.

Surely it is axiomatic by now that *the actual ownership of productive* assets is not necessarily a prime factor in effectiveness in today's managerial society. National ownership, by exposing management (whether participative or not) to the irrelevancies and vacillations of politics and the civil service may well militate against it, as Mr Marsh so *clearly shows.*

The task of government in the sad state of our present national affairs is, one would think, (a) to promote and control the economy so that efficiency is encouraged at all levels, and inefficiency and laziness reap their due rewards; and (b) to motivate us, the people, to accept that *these rewards and penalties apply to* us *individually* without exception, and are not a device to secure the *status quo.*

I can see on *no* party horizon any sign of any such capability of leadership and resolve. In all truth, I do not know which way to turn.

Yours truly,

MAX DAVIES,
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Aylesbury, Bucks.

From Mr Michael Marshall, Conservative MP for Arundel

Sir, Mr Benn's recent announcement that a Labour Government would nationalize the largest shipbuilding and shiprepairing companies raises *two vital questions for those who* work in these industries.

*First, Mr Benn's Commons state*ment *referred to* "*security of em*ployment". Yet, in answer to a written question from my colleague, Neville Trotter, MP for Tynemouth, Mr Benn confirmed that no guarantee could be given regarding the *present work force level of the* companies on his shopping list. Recent events in the steel industry have shown that nationalization leads to rationalization, which in turn leads to redundancies.

This brings me to my second query. Has Mr Benn made this clear to all those likely to be affected *and precisely what consultations* has he had *before* reaching his decision? His list for future consultations gives us the answer. Mr Benn has made his decision in principle and only now will permit those who work in the industries concerned to *discuss the precise form of their* dismemberment.

If this is to be the new Socialist order for Britain let Mr Benn and his friends say so. But let them at least admit that their idea of consultation is simply based on "Whitehall knows best".

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL MARSHALL,
House of Commons.
August 3

Ulster Unionists

From Mr Chris Gent

Sir, For the *Conservative Party to* establish links with the United *Unionists would not just be damag*ing in electoral terms, but also in *permanently eroding* its ability *to* exert a moderating influence in *Ulster.*

A deal with the Unionists, entailing *an increase* in their representation at Westminster, would be an ironic victory for Mr West and his colleagues, who over the years have gerrymandered electoral boundaries against the Catholics, refused to take account of the views of the minority community, and ensured bias against Catholics both in employment and housing.

Mr Heath is right to reject such a deal but he should go farther. The Conservative Party ought to follow *the example of the Young Conserva*tives and sever its links with the voluntary party of the United *Unionists. Furthermore the party* leadership should commit its support to Brian Faulkner and his colleagues, who are the true custodians of the "one nation" concept in Ulster, by establishing formal links with his new party.

Such an alliance based on principle *would be the proper policy* for the Conservative Party. A link *with United Unionists*, based as it would be on some cynical calcula*tion* of power politics with an unreliable ally, would debase both the credibility and appeal of the Conservative Party both in Northern Ireland and in the rest of the United Kingdom.

Yours sincerely,

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August 6.

Curbing football hooligans

From Mrs Joan Marsh

Sir, Marcel Berlins's article in *The Times* (August 7) about magistrates' powers to deal with football hooligans exposes the lack of facilities available to the courts.

He touches only briefly and not quite accurately on the possibility of using senior attendance centres for offenders *from* 17 to 21 years of age, saying that they have not *proved to be of much* value. In fact, there is no proof either way, as no official evaluation has ever been made of the two centres, at Greenwich and Manchester, opened experimentally some 11 years ago.

A small working party of magistrates from *Inner* and *SE London*, of which I was a member, came to the conclusion in 1971 that there was a place for at least one senior attendance centre in every large centre of population, and for several more in the Greater London area. *We also* made recommendations for certain improvements in their running, and suggested that there should be some built-in research.

We continue to press for an assessment of the two centres and consideration *of our recommendations*, but all too often get the reply that there is no need for any centres now that courts can make community service orders. I find this argument quite unacceptable and indeed a little ridiculous. The kind of offender who needs to be sent to an attendance centre is likely *to be wholly unsuitable for com*munity service, to which, incidentally, he can only be sentenced with his agreement.

The powers of the few magistrates' courts who have a senior attendance centre in their area are to order *not less than 12 and not more than* 24 hours of attendance. (These powers are not presently available to higher courts.) In Greenwich and Manchester these hours are in practice two hours at a time on Saturday afternoons. What better way can *there be* of deterring the offender, and others, while at the same *time removing him entirely from* the football match he *is* likely to disrupt?

Such attendance is a fairly mild deprivation of liberty, but a warning of custody and, unlike custody, does not disrupt family life or interfere with any jobs. *Moreover*, it is very cheap: the average cost of the *whole of an attendance order was*, in 1969, £4, compared with £30 a week to keep an offender in a detention centre. No new buildings are required, as schools and church halls are perfectly suitable. Staffing can be by the police, probably using less manpower than that deployed in the negative work of controlling foot*ball crowds. There is room too for* volunteers.

Why can we not have an extension of such centres, which are entirely appropriate for hooligans and vandals, instead of trying to order Saturday afternoon reporting to unwilling probation officers and police men?

Yours *faithfully*,

JOAN MARSH,
Old *Schoolhouse*,
104 Lyndhurst Grove,
SE15.
August 7.

Weather forecasting

From Mr J. M. Walker

Sir, The fiasco of the weather forecast for Sunday, August 4, could *perhaps have been forgiven if the* offending weather system had approached from the Atlantic. The observational coverage there leaves much to be desired, and neither the most experienced forecaster nor the most expertly programmed computer can be expected to recognize development if observations bearing *evidence of that development* are not available.

On Saturday, August 3, *observa*tions showed unambiguously that a depression existed over France, but its behaviour was incorrectly forecast. If this was due to poor judgment on the part of a forecaster so be it: to err is human. I am under *the impression*, however, that isobaric patterns are predicted *entirely numerically by computer.* This being so, the error must have been due either to an inadequate *numerical model or* to faulty implementation of the model on the *Meteorological* Office computer.

A great deal of public money has *been lavished on developing* the numerical method of weather forecasting, yet to the average *layman* of my acquaintance forecasts seem to be no more reliable now than they were before faith was placed in the mathematical approach. I have no *doubt that the Meteorological Office* can prove otherwise, but the layman, the *customer, will remain un*convinced. Increasingly in these days of economic crisis I hear people asking if the money spent on sophisticated techniques of weather forecasting is indeed money well spent.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. WALKER,
4 Waterside Walk West,
Rogerstone,
Newport, Gwent.
August 5.

An Elizabethan prophecy

From Professor A. R. Humphreys

Sir, An Elizabethan prophecy of Watergate? See Anon, *The Troublesome Raigne of King John* (1591), lines 554-5:

Limoges: Me thinkes that *Richards* pride and *Richards* fall should be a president t'affright you all.

Yours, etc,

A. R. HUMPHREYS,
Department of English,
University of Leicester.
August 5.

Hint to stock market

From Mr J. L. Kavanaugh

Sir, On the merest suspicion that the *American President might* resign, share values on Wall Street improved dramatically. Could *not our* own ailing Stock Market be given a much needed boost by a *similar hint* from Downing Street?

Yours faithfully,

JOHN L. KAVANAUGH,
4 Stokenchurch Street, SW6.
August 9.

COURT CIRCULAR

HM YACHT BRITANNIA

August 9: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited the Clyde Submarine Base and HMS Neptune at Faslane, Dunbartonshire today.

Having disembarked from HM Yacht Britannia, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Dunbarton (Mr R. Arbuthnott), the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Royal Navy (Mr Frank Judd, MP), the Flag Officer Submarines (Vice-Admiral I. G. Raikes) and the Commanding Officer, Faslane (Commodore A. J. Cooke, RN).

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured the Commodore with Her presence at luncheon.

This afternoon Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited HMS Resolution (Commander A. E. Thomson, RN), were received by the Captain SM Tenth Submarine Squadron (Captain M. C. Henry, RN), and subsequently embarked in the Royal Yacht.

Later this afternoon, The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh drove to visit the Royal Northern Yacht Club at Rhu, were received by Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Dunbarton (Mr R. Arbuthnott) and the Commodore, Royal Northern Yacht Club (Mr J. Dunlop Urie), and Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Mr Philip Moore, Rear-Admiral Ronald Forrest, Rear-Admiral Richard Trowbridge, Mr Rodney Moore and Squadron Leader Peter Beer were in attendance.

Mr R. Arbuthnott (Her Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of Dunbarton) and Mrs H. J. Arbuthnott, Mr Frank Judd, MP (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Royal Navy) and Mrs Judd, Vice-Admiral I. G. Raikes (Flag Officer, Submarines) and Mrs Raikes, Rear-Admiral M. N. Lucey (Flag Officer, Scotland and Northern Ireland) and Mrs Lucey, Commodore A. J. Cooke, RN (Commanding Officer, Faslane) and Mrs Cooke and Mr J. Dunlop Urie (Commodore, Royal Northern Yacht Club) and Mrs Dunlop Urie had the honour of being invited to dinner with The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh on board the Royal Yacht.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness held an Evening Reception on board HM Yacht Britannia.

The Royal Yacht later sailed for Nigg and Alness.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Fédération Equestre Internationale, will attend the World Driving Championships at Frauenfeld, Switzerland, from August 30 to September 1.

Luncheon

British Council

Sir John Llewellyn, Director-General of the British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Cadogan Hotel in honour of M A. M. M'Bow, Assistant Director-General of UNESCO.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Colin McArthur to be head of the British Film Institute's new Film Availability Services department.

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, August 10, 1949

Twelfth's absentees

From Our Correspondent

Glasgow, Aug 9.—Grouse will be more plentiful on Scottish moors this year, when the Twelfth comes round, than in any year since the war, but many of the shooting lodges will be empty.

Two main reasons are given for this lack of shooting tenants. The first is petrol restriction, which limits the movements of sportsmen in the more remote areas, and the second is the Catering Wages Act, which has caused a shortage of domestic staff. Because of the shorter hours and improved conditions now offered in hotels, servants are not so willing to take seasonal jobs in shooting lodges; hence many sportsmen who have rented moors will stay in hotels. Some owners have converted their lodges and are taking visitors as paying guests. Most of the large Perthshire moors will remain empty. There will be very few Americans among the guns this year.

Forthcoming marriages

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu and Miss F. Herbert

The engagement is announced between Lord Montagu of Beaulieu and Miss Fiona Herbert, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. L. D. Herbert, of Clymping, Sussex.

Mr S. K. W. Halfhide and Miss D. A. Smith

The engagement is announced between Stuart, elder son of Mr and Mrs K. A. Halfhide, of Wild Wood, Fryerning, Essex, and Deborah Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Smith, of Ravensbourne Drive, Chelmsford, Essex.

Mr R. A. I. Hamilton and Miss V. M. McMichael

The engagement is announced between Roderic Alexander Innes, younger son of Commander and Mrs Innes Hamilton, of Fairway Lodge, Wentworth, Surrey, and Valerie Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bradley McMichael, of Los Angeles, California, and of Lyne Place Manor, Surrey.

Dr T. J. K. Leonard and Miss V. A. Tudor Pole

The engagement is announced between Timothy John Keen, second son of Mr and Mrs M. W. Leonard, of Havelock Road, South Croydon, and Victoria Anson, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. G. Tudor Pole, of Résidence George Sand, rue d'Aulnay, 92290 Chatenay Malabry, France.

Dr J. Richardson and Mrs R. P. Poore

A marriage has been arranged and will take place in the autumn between James Richardson, of Colwall, near Malvern, Worcestershire, and Rosemary Philippa, widow of Robert Poore, of Coddington Court, Herefordshire.

Mr A. Seys Llewellyn and Miss H. Manson

The engagement is announced of Anthony, son of his Honour Judge and Mrs J. D. Seys Llewellyn, of Gresford, Denbighshire, and Helen, daughter of Dr and Mrs W. J. Manson, of Beaufort, Monmouthshire.

Mr P. D. Willock and Miss A. M. Morel

The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs Colin Willock, of Cranleigh, Ashley Drive, Walton-on-Thames, and Anne, only daughter of Mrs Daphne Morel, of Oakfield, Downside, Cobham, and the late Dr Mervyn Morel, FRCS, of Barnstaple.

Marriage

Mr C. Evans-Tipping and Miss F. Morrison

The marriage took place on August 3 at the Parish Church, Odiham, of Mr Christopher Evans-Tipping, son of Mr Francis Gwynne-Evans, Wadhurst, Sussex, and Mrs E. Rochford, Bellurgan Park, co Louth, and Miss Fenella Morrison, daughter of Commander and Mrs Edwin Morrison, The Bury House, Odiham. The Bishop of Winchester officiated, assisted by the Rev Philip Tidmarsh. A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Birthdays today

Colonel J. C. Barrett, VC, 77; Sir Hugo Boothby, 67; Mr John Gloag, 78; Cardinal Gordon Gray, 64; Air Chief Marshal Sir William Macdonald, 66; Lord Porritt, 74; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Guy Shaw-Stewart, 82; Major-General Sir Humphry Tollemache, 77; Sir Lindsay Wellington, 73; Mr W. T. Wells, QC, 66; Mr C. Montgomery White, QC, 77; Sir John Spencer Wills, 70; Mr P. H. Wright, VC, 58.

TOMORROW: Sir Charles Ellis, 79; Major-General Sir Miles Graham, 79; Lord Houghton of Sowerby, 76; Professor A. N. Jeffares, 54; Sir William Jenkin, 75; Dame Jean Lancaster, 65; Dame Hilda Lloyd, 83; Lord Poole, 63; General Sir Charles Richardson, 66; General Sir Ivo Vesey, 98; Sir Gordon Willmer, 75; Professor Angus Wilson, 61.

Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, attends annual reunion dinner of The Royal Regiment of Wales, Brecon, 7.45 pm.

The Duchess of Kent, patron, attends charity race meeting for Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, Newmarket, 1.45 pm.

Display: Costumes used in the BBC television series *Elizabeth R*, King's Wine Cellar, Hampton Court Palace, 9.30 am-5.30 pm.

Exhibition: The Athapaskans—Strangers of the North, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 10 am-5 pm.

Tomorrow

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Regiment of Wales, attends church parade, Brecon Cathedral, 10.55 am.

Exhibition: English sculpture 1600-1850, Victoria and Albert Museum, 2.30 pm-6 pm.

HMS Belfast: Floating naval museum, Pool of London, 11 am-6 pm.

City Walk: Fleet Street and its tributaries, meet Law Courts, Strand, 3 pm.

Band Performance: The 2nd Bn. Royal Green Jackets, Hyde Park, 3 pm-4.30 pm.

Two complementary views of human nature

By the Rev Dr F. W. Dillistone

On July 24, *The Times* gave a brief report of a dialogue in St Mary-le-Bow Church between the Rector, Joseph McCulloch, and Len Murray, General Secretary of the TUC. In the course of their conversation, Mr Murray had declared: "Every man is a battlefield. Within him at any time there are conflicts of interest. So it is with industry and society."

On July 25, *The Times* devoted considerable space to the theme of education. Three letters and a long article made an eloquent plea for comprehensive schools. "Only a fully comprehensive school", the Education Officer of the Inner London Education Authority declared, "can play its full role in an education service intended for, financed by and designed to serve the whole community."

Earlier in the article the writer had identified the arch-enemy of true education: it was a system with competition built into it, competition between schools and competition between individuals at a certain age. The ideal, at least for secondary education, could only be one comprehensive school for all the children in any particular area.

But if conflicting interests are built into society and into man himself, how can competition be avoided? And if competition is legitimate for a trade union in its struggles with management or even with the government of the day, why is it illegitimate for an association of those who direct and represent independent schools? Education does not—or should not—stop at 16. Why cannot the ideal of a comprehensive society govern the educational processes within the industrial system as well as within the system of secondary schools?

Behind these current dialogues and disputes there lies a long history of divergent views of human nature. One, derived chiefly from Greek culture, focuses attention upon its *evolutionary* aspects, its potentiality for development towards harmony and wholeness. Always there are imperfections and immaturities but growth towards the ideal can be fostered and encouraged. The other, derived at least in part from the experience of the Hebrews, sees man as always alienated, engaged in conflict with hostile forces both in the world outside and in his own inner being. "Whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence even of your lusts that war in your members." Mr Murray's "battlefield" finds good authority in the Epistle of James.

Here are two models, one stressing comprehension, the other conflict: one the process of growth into wholeness, the other progress through competition. Two models: each valuable, but each disastrous in its implications if regarded as the definitive structure to which the human individual and human society must be made to conform.

Students of the New Testament are agreed that there is nothing more distinctive about the teaching of Jesus than his parables. These are intensely concerned with human nature and its potentialities. Perhaps the most remarkable thing about them is the stereoscopic vision which they reveal. One model constantly employed is that of the field and organic growth: the need to sow, to tend, to feed, to guide towards maturity. But there is also a second model drawn from commercial life: the need for alertness, vigilance, the best use of talents, healthy competition, struggle towards a goal. It could be urged that the first applies more to childhood, the second to adolescence. But Jesus saw in each a certain correspondence to reality at any stage of life. There is, in fact, no single, all-inclusive system which can formulate the ideal once and for all, whether for education or for industry or for the life of religion.

Near the end of his splendid little book *Models and Mystery* the late Bishop Ian Ramsey made an intriguing comparison and then sounded an urgent warning. Theology, he said, can act like a 3-D viewer, taking various models and bringing them together "till they witness to the 'depth' which each alone misses and conceals". The best of human models were still, he believed, two-dimensional projections. But in conjunction with one another they could point to that further dimension wherein lies the fulfilment and the vindication of human existence.

His warning was this. "The greatest condemnation", he urged, "of the Church as of Christian theology is that it should vegetate in a self-satisfied finality and neglect the vision which stirs." Jesus's gaze was directed to what he called The Kingdom of God. But no single model could portray it fully. By parables of growth towards fulfilment, as well as of struggle towards achievement, he stirred men's hearts to see the new vision and to respond to the good news that the Kingdom of God was at hand.

Mr D. L. L. Carrellio Morgan, a Welsh bard and poet, aged 68, who has been chaired as bard 109 times. He is seen with four bardic chairs which he won at eisteddfodau.

Wealth tax means end for Longleat, Lord Bath says

By David Leigh

Views on the likely effect of the wealth tax proposals on historic homes and works of art have ranged from relief to anger.

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, chairman of the Historic Houses Association, said: "I am satisfied that our representations on stately homes and their contents have been recognized by the Chancellor. Historic homes are an enormous tourist asset. The secret of our success as compared with, for example, the museums on the Loire is that they are still occupied houses."

He thought the effect of legislation on the lines of that proposed in the Green Paper would be to encourage the opening of homes to the public. Points of detail still at issue included the Government's reservations about commercialized homes.

"Unless you can carry it on as a business, you cannot keep a home open. No stately homes make a profit anyway", he added.

Lord Bath, owner of Longleat, said: "I shall not be able to afford it. It is kaput for Longleat. Even a half per cent tax on the house would kill me." The Government had yet to give details of what special treatment would be given to historic houses. Longleat had already been exempted from death duty at 80 per cent, and if he had to sell any of the contents, they would become liable for that as well. He said the wealth tax "will go on every year. It is just a very clever form of nationalization."

The Heritage in Danger Committee, which has campaigned against what it sees as the threatened dissolution of the national heritage, denounced the plans.

The committee, headed by Lord Cottesloe, issued a statement saying the plan would inflict a slow wasting sickness on the great British art collections.

Inquiry into future of opera-theatres

By Kenneth Gosling

Arts Reporter

An inquiry into the future of London theatres which have lost, or will be losing, their resident opera and dance companies, has been set up jointly by the Arts Council and the Greater London Council.

The inquiry, under the chairmanship of Mr Wynne Godley, director of the Cambridge University Department of Applied Economics, will look into the availability of buildings, actual and potential.

After the move in 1968 of the then Sadler's Wells Opera Company, now the English National Opera, to the London Coliseum and the forthcoming departure in the autumn of Covent Garden market to Nine Elms, the National Theatre moves into its new buildings on the South Bank next year.

"It is therefore timely", a statement from the two councils says, "to consider the many plans and proposals which will affect the availability in London of buildings suitable for use by opera and dance companies for the whole or part of each year. Subject to these requirements, use by drama companies will also be considered."

Special consideration is to be given to the future of the Sadler's Wells and Old Vic theatres and the proposals of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, for redevelopment and a second auditorium.

Two offices from each of the councils will make up the inquiry's membership; they will meet soon and it is hoped that they will begin considering evidence in a fortnight. Speed is regarded as important.

Interested organizations and people are asked to submit written evidence to Miss Hilary Pugh, 105 Piccadilly, London W1V 0AU.

Mr Aspinall's plan for game park is opposed

By John Young

Planning Reporter

Plans by Mr John Aspinall, the former night-club owner, to found a 270-acre wildlife park in east Kent are being opposed by conservationists. The Lympne and Aldington Countryside Trust says it is shocked at the decision of Shepway District Council's planning subcommittee to recommend approval of the application.

A report by consultants commissioned by the trust suggests that evidence submitted with the application greatly underestimated the probable number of visitors and the resultant traffic congestion. The proposed park is at Port Lympne, about seven miles west of Folkestone.

Mr Aspinall said his intentions were to create a breeding sanctuary for wild animals already in his collection and to restore the house and gardens which would be opened to the public.

Initial attendance was estimated at 100,000 visitors a year, rising to a maximum of 200,000 when the park was completed.

The report says that the proposed park will be within half a mile of the A20 trunk road, within two miles of the M20 motorway, which is due to be completed by 1980, and near the Channel tunnel terminal.

It suggests that the attendance estimates were based only on the resident population of the surrounding area; if holiday visitors were taken into account, the annual figure would be nearer 430,000.

Pledge on Civil Service jobs dispersal

From Our Correspondent

Edinburgh

Every effort will be made to ensure that the dispersal of Civil Service jobs from London to Scotland will be on a voluntary basis as far as possible, Mr Robert Sheldon, Minister of State for the Civil Service, said in Edinburgh yesterday.

He was speaking after talks with Lord Hughes, Minister of State, Scottish Office, and visits to Civil Service establishments in Edinburgh.

Mr Sheldon said there had been some misunderstanding about jobs dispersal. Civil servants were mainly concerned about uprooting their homes and their children's education and losing their settled position. But he added: "We will be trying our best to make sure that as far as possible civil servants will come to Scotland by voluntary means."

He said that one task would be to make sure that employment opportunities were as good north of the border as anywhere else because many civil servants in the South were worried that promotion prospects would not be so good. There was a need therefore for a good number of top-level posts from which Scotland would benefit, and Mr Sheldon said: "Some of those coming to Scotland are going to be in for a treat, I think."

Church news

Latest appointments:

The Rev A. H. M. Turner, Home Secretary of the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society, to be Vicar of St Jude's Southsea, diocese of Portsmouth.

The Rev L. Rowe, Priest-in-Charge of Little Burstead, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Rector of Frinton-on-Sea, same diocese.

Diocese of Peterborough

The Rev R. G. Knight, headmaster of Twywell Church of England School, Kettering, to be Vicar of Naseby and priest-in-charge of Haselbeech.

The Rev B. M. Oman, rector of Great Greenford, diocese of London,

University news

Oxford

Dr John Stone, BA (Cantab), DPhil (Oxon), formerly assistant professor, Columbia University, New York, to be research officer in Race Relations in the university and Sir Ronald Prain Fellow, St Antony's College.

The Open

Professor Paul Halmos, PhD, professor of sociology at University College, Cardiff, has been appointed professor of sociology. The chair has been vacant since the university started.

Services tomorrow: Ninth Sunday after Trinity

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8, M, 10.30, the Dean, TD (Stanford in C); HC, 11.30, (Leighton in D), Int, O most merciful (Bullock); E, 3.15, Rev Malcolm Johnson, Mag and ND (Pritchard in D), A, Glorious and powerful God (Stanford).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8, M, 10.30 (Tallis 5-part), A, Thou God of wisdom (Gibbons); HC, 11.40; E, 3 (Weelkes), A, Tibi laus (Philips), Canon Charles Smith; 6.30, Rev J. Naters.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC (said), 9; 11, Sanctus Benedictus, Agnus (Sumsion in F major), A, Jesu, the very thought (Vittoria), Canon Peter Delaney; Choral Evening Prayer, 3 (Stanford in C), A, Lord, for thy tender mercies sake (Tye) Rev Anthony Hawley.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk (public welcomed): HC, 8, M, 11, Band: Coldstream Guards, Rev C. J. Comyns, A, Achieved is his glorious work (Haydn).

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon, Parade Service, 11, A, The Lord's Prayer (Thiman), Rev E. W. Evans.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, 12.15, M, 11 (Noble in B minor), A, Hide not thou thy face (Farrant), and E, 3.30 (Weelkes-short), Resident Chaplain, A, Save us, O Lord (Bairstow).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev M. Anderton.

ALL SAINTS', Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.30, HM, 11, Missa brevis (Leighton), Bishop of Central Florida; E and B, 6 (Weelkes—short), Rev John Slater.

CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15, 12.10, Parish Communion, 10; M, 11 and E, 6.30, Rev Christopher Dent.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev J. B. Gaskell.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8 and 12.15, Family Communion, 9, Lord Maitland; M, 11, Rev C. Patterson; E, 6, the Vicar.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road: HC, 8.30, 12.15, M, 11, Prebendary O. W. Cleverley Ford; E, 6, Prebendary G. T. Chappell.

HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway: SE, 11, Rev John Arrowsmith.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8 and 5.30 pm, SM, 9.30, HM, 11, Sparrow Mass (Mozart), Blessed are the pure in heart (Walford Davies), Rev W. Leah.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC, 9, M, 11 (Hunt in C), A, Ave Maria (Stravinsky), and E, 6.30 (Tallis-Dorian), Dr Gurney Smith, A, Sing we merrily (Batten).

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30, M & HC, 11, Rev Wallace Boulton; E, 6.30, Rev Dewi Morgan.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens: LM, 8 and 10, HM, 11 (Harwood in D), Rev John Vine, E and B, 6.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8; Sung Eucharist 11 (Sumsion in F), Rev W. M. Atkins, Mot, O Holy Jesu (White).

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street: HC, 8, 12, MP, 11, Rev G. C. Taylor; E, 6, Rev A. W. D. Bayley.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15; Eucharist, 9.15; and M, 11, Rev W. P. Baddeley; E, 6, Rev J. L. W. Robinson.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: HC, 8, Family Communion, 9.45, M, 11.15, Rev Auston Williams; 6.30, Rev Ron Swan.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 7, 8, 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Rev E. J. Potter; M, 11.15, Rev A. F. Davis, He shall feed his flock (Handel); E, 6.30, Rev C. G. Rogers, Lead me, Lord (Wesley).

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8, 11, Rev P. Harding; 6.30, Rev P. Glover.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, 8.15, 12.15; M, 11, and 6, Rev G. Baynes Clarke.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8, 9, SE, 11, Father John Charles.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M, 11, and 6.30, Bishop Goodwin Hudson.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11 (Tallis-short), Rev D. B. Tillyer, Mot, O Lord, increase my faith (Loosemore).

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; M, 11, E, 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM, 7, 8; HM, 11 (Darke in A minor), Rev Keith Pobbs; E and B, 6, Rev Gilbert [illegible].

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Plainchant, Mot, Jubilate (Agazzari), Canon ffrench-Beytagh.

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street: 11, Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey; 6.30, Rev John C. Goudie.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell St, Covent Garden: 11, Mr Glen Gibson; 6.30, Miss Angela Burner-Craigie.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: LM, 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 and 7; HM, 10.30, Missa sine nomine (Casciolini), Gloria tibi Domine (Byrd), Christum regem adoremus (Casali); V and B, 3.30.

THE ORATORY, SW: SM, 11, F major (Mozart); V and B, 3.30, Mot, O sacrum convivium (Caldara).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street: Masses at 8, 9, 10, 11 (sung in Latin), 12, and 4, 5, and 6 pm.

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SM, 6 pm, Mass in D flat (Webbe), In manus tuas (Novello).

ST JAMES'S, Spanish Place: SM (English), 9; HM, 10.30, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Cantate Domino (Hassler); Compline, 6.

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: LM, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 (Father John Tracy), 4.15, 6.30, 7.30 pm.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Dr Daniel Jenkins.

KENSINGTON UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian / Congregational), Allen Street: 11 and 6.30, Rev E. G. Miller.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr M. Barnett.

METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE (Spurgeon's) Baptist Church, Elephant and Castle: 11 and 6.30.

KINGSWAY HALL (West London Missions (at Holy Trinity Kingsway): 11 and 6.30.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 and 6.30, Dr Kenneth Slack.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Dr L. B. Rennie.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, meeting at St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: 11, Rev Malcolm Prescott.

ESSEX CHURCH (Unitarian) Kensington (temporary) St Mary Abbots Church Hall, Vicarage Gate: 11.15, Rev E. W. Phillips.

FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP (Quakers), 52 St Martin's Lane: 11.

OBITUARY

PROF E. PERROY

Distinguished historian

Professor G. O. Sayles writes: May I supplement your brief notice of the death of Professor Edouard Perroy, for he was not only acknowledged to be among the most distinguished historians in West Europe but he also made outstanding contributions to the medieval history of England?

I met him first exactly 50 years ago when he was appointed to the staff of the French Department at Glasgow University. Small, wiry, indefatigable, with a remarkable command of even colloquial English, he was already at work upon his doctoral thesis, which was published as *The Diplomatic Correspondence of Richard II* (1933), collected from the archives of Edinburgh, Paris, Rome and Barcelona, and as *L'Angleterre et le Schisme* (1935), which became at once the standard authority on the subject and will long remain so. In 1934 he was appointed to the Chair of History at Lille and from there he began his annual critical surveys in the *Revue Historique* of all that was published on the history of medieval England. A single historian in France did for us what it required a dozen historians in England to do for ourselves. He had no fears about involving himself in the confused contemporary politics of France, reprimanding the Right for its domestic insensitiveness and the Left for its foreign impassivity. In 1940 we heard of his death in hospital from tuberculosis but it was the nominal disappearance of those who had joined the French resistance movement and he was, in fact, the last medievalist to converse with Marc Bloch, a still more distinguished scholar, before he was captured and shot by the Germans in 1944. Even in these difficult years he managed to devise the framework and think out the conclusions of his *Hundred Years War* (1945: English translation 1951).

After the war he was appointed to the Sorbonne in Paris. We did not meet again until the winter of 1952 when we happened to be lecturing at Harvard at the same time and it was clear that Perroy was transferring his interests from politics and diplomacy to social and economic developments in Europe. To these he remained faithful to the end and his connexion with English history became inevitably less intimate. A collection of essays in his honour, published a few years ago, bears adequate witness to the width of his historical investigations and the high regard in which he was held throughout Europe and particularly in England. Among his many distinctions he counted highly his election as a Corresponding Member of the British Academy and the honorary D.Litt. conferred recently upon him at Oxford.

MR JOHN PANTING

Sculptor and teacher

Mr Robert Clatworthy writes: John Panting, one of the most promising of the younger sculptors to have emerged during the 1960s, died in a road accident on July 31.

Born in New Zealand in 1940 and moving to London in 1963, he studied at the Royal College of Art from 1964 to 1967 where he was an outstanding student. At the end of his course, he became a tutor at the Royal College, also teaching in a part-time capacity at a number of other art schools. In 1972 he was appointed as the Head of the Sculpture School at the Central School of Art and Design and during the tragically brief time he served there, his remarkable qualities of judgment, energy and concern for his responsibilities made him a major figure in the development of the school.

His own sculpture is comparatively little known here, except among a discerning few, for he had exhibited more widely abroad, notably in Italy, Holland and Switzerland.

As a man and a friend, what most impressed—and it was a quality that he possessed from his student days—was a manner of speaking with a quiet calm and reasoned authority, immediately recognized and respected by all who met him. This led to his opinion being much sought after by his peers and students alike.

He was uncompromisingly honest and generous in all his dealings.

SIR JOHN McWILLIAM

Sir John McWilliam, Lord Lieutenant for the County of Fife since 1965, died in Edinburgh at the age of 64. He was county convenor from 1961 to 1970.

He was known throughout the country for his work on the Forth and Tay road bridge boards of which he was vice-chairman. A former chairman of the Countryside Commission, he also served on the Association of County Councils in Scotland and the Police Council of Great Britain.

DOWAGER LADY ABERCONWAY

A friend writes:

It has been given to few to have such a happy life as Christabel Aberconway, who died on August 7 at the age of 84. "I love being alive" she would say, and indeed her zest for living lasted until a month or two of her death. She was unusually favoured by fortune. She had beauty, health, and a remarkable intelligence which was fortified by a retentive memory so that quotations of a wide variety, from pious to ribald, would illuminate her delightful conversation.

After a very happy childhood, she was married at 18 to Henry McLaren, who succeeded as 2nd Baron Aberconway in 1934. Thus wealth was added to the gifts with which she had already been so bountifully endowed. Soon after the end of the First World War the McLarens moved into the newly finished house in South Street, the last private house of great size to be built in London, and here Christabel reigned over friends drawn from the world of the intelligentsia and the Arts. The warmth of her character was so apparent that she would find herself involved in intimate conversation with all manner of people: not only her equals, but taxi drivers, porters, stray acquaintances would pour out their difficulties to her. This did not indicate that she would uncritically allow anyone into her close friendship, far from it. To enter into that circle it was necessary to possess the qualities which appealed to her, and the outer barriers were not easy to penetrate.

After the death of her husband in 1953, Christabel moved from Bodnant with its world-famous garden to Maenan Hall a few miles away. This house became largely her own creation for when Lord Aberconway had bought it for her some years before his death, it was near derelict, and she was thus able to exercise her sensitive taste in its restoration. Here she passed many happy weeks every year, never tiring of the romantic view across the valley of the Conway to the long line of hills outlined against the sunset sky.

But the house in North Audley Street will be where she will be more generally remembered. It is a unique house with a Kentian drawingroom built by George II's Lady Suffolk, a sculpture gallery in miniature. It was in this room that Christabel spent the last weeks of her life. A bed had been brought down, and here she lay peacefully propped on pillows growing gradually weaker but always retaining her astonishing beauty. From the windows she could look out onto the paved garden with the fig tree drooping over the formal pool, but at last she had reached the time when she no longer "loved being alive".

MISS MARGARET PILKINGTON

Helen Kapp writes:

May I be allowed to add one or two comments on Miss Margaret Pilkington, whose death Sir Trenchard Cox so movingly writes of in your obituary on August 7.

Miss Pilkington, whom I got to know as a colleague in the early fifties and later grew to love and honour as a friend, was a remarkable woman. Her goodness, gaiety, understanding, sensibility and taste were rivalled by her strength and tenacity of purpose. She was always on the side of the angels.

In the sixties, among her many other activities, she became the art consultant to Abbot Hall Art Gallery, when I was director there, and her advice was tremendously appreciated. But I should also like to mention that it was through Miss Pilkington's gargantuan efforts that the Whitworth Art Gallery with its magnificent collections were placed under the aegis of the University of Manchester. She also endowed the chair for the department of art history.

As well as these benefits to the City of Manchester and to all who love art, she and her sister Dorothy saved the whole of Alderley Edge from the investment developers by offering to pay three quarters of the price offered to the Cheshire County Council, if they would accede the other quarter. When this was accepted, the Pilkingtons gave Alderley Edge to the National Trust. Could money ever have been better spent, and do not we all and especially the people of Cheshire and South Lancashire, owe Margaret Pilkington an enormous debt of gratitude?

Mr Reginald Stanley Worth, CBE, who died on Thursday at Vevey, Switzerland, at the age of 73, was managing director Nestlé Co. Ltd, London, 1943-58 and in 1966 was made chairman of Nestlé Co, Ltd, England.

Mr George Moss, the former headmaster of Northampton Grammar School and a Scout Commissioner for over 30 years, has died aged 82.

Latest wills

Mr William Francis Martin Maddan, of Plumpton, Sussex, former Conservative MP for Hove, and Hitchin, who founded Audits of Great Britain, left £215,015 net (duty paid, £48,026).

Mr Eric Redwood, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, barrister, left £83,136 net (duty paid, £5,749). After bequests of £2,000 each to the Royal Masonic Hospital, and Wellington College, and £1,000 to Merton College, Oxford, and other bequests, he left the residue equally between the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys and Girls.

Mrs Ada Maude Nicoll, of Rottingdean, Sussex, left £152,221 net (duty paid, £44,226). She left £25,000 to the Institute of Cancer Research.

Miss Dorothy Maud Rayner, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, left £41,683 net (duty paid, £6,009). After bequests of £6,000 she left the residue to The Osteopathic Trusts.

Mr Ernest Erasmus Bagg, of St Leonard's on Sea, left £20,615 net (duty paid, £1,441). After various bequests he left a third of the residue to RUKBA.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates):

Goodwin, Mrs Minnie Louise, of Ilford (no duty shown)	£21,252
Herriott, Evelyn Elsie, of Andover (duty paid, £12,672)	£120,419
Kerr, Phyllis, of Bournemouth. (duty paid, £7,466)	£121,451
Mitchell, Mr Andrew, of Heathfield, Sussex (duty paid, £8,120)	£50,409

Science report

Computers: Machines that learn from mistakes

A new approach to computer programming emerging from artificial intelligence laboratories in the United States may go some way towards eliminating what has hitherto been one of the chief sources of machine stupidity. By providing them with an understanding of what they are doing, researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) are beginning to produce computer programs which achieve solutions through insight rather than by a blind willingness to search patiently through almost infinite possibilities for a correct solution.

The basic tasks the machines are asked to perform are still unsophisticated by human standards. The programs are for drawing pin men, or building towers with blocks. The advance lies in the ability of the program to correct programming errors, or bugs, which prevent them from achieving the intended goal.

The American-born new generation of introspective programs was exposed recently in Britain at a meeting of the Artificial Intelligence Society of Britain at Sussex University. The most general and the most ambitious of the projects is concerned with the development of a program described by its progenitors, Dr Brian Smith and Dr Carl Hewitt, as a programming apprentice. The idea is eventually to automate the whole process of debugging computer programs by devising a systematic procedure for ensuring that a program fulfils its purpose.

No such procedure exists, and the task is left to the discretion of the individual writing the program. That, according to Dr Smith and Dr Hewitt, "borders on the criminally irresponsible in that it does not require that programmers (whether human or machine) substantiate that the code meets its contracts before it is foisted on an unsuspecting public". In their view, "if civil engineers designed and built bridges with the same cavalier attitude . . . it would cause serious loss of life".

The civil engineering analogy permeates the vocabulary of the Planner project, in which the procedures are said to have specifications (meaning descriptions of what they are meant to accomplish) and programs are said to contain contracts, setting out what the program does under given conditions. Planner itself, however, is still under construction. There are less general programs for detecting and correcting bugs in two kinds of program for controlling events in the toy world inhabited by computers in artificial intelligence laboratories.

One of them, Hacker, designed by Dr G. J. Sussman at the MIT, is a deliberate model of the process by which skills are acquired. Hacker deals with programs for playing with toy blocks. It is deliberately set up to learn from its mistakes in the attempt, for example, to put three blocks one on top of another to make a tower.

The sort of mistake it makes is to put, say, a block A on a block B and then try to put block B on the third block, C. Because of the design of the mechanical hand which performs the operation, however, B cannot be moved with A on top of it. The immediate inclination of the inexperienced Hacker is to solve the problem unintelligently by taking A off B again before putting B on C.

That disaster is averted because the program is run in a special mode (named CAREFUL) entailing a monitoring device which can see that the removal of A from B defeats the program's purpose. It therefore stops and thinks again. At that point, an older kind of program might have gone back and tried a succession of other possible moves until it arrived at one which worked.

That kind of strategy leads to what has been described as the main limitation on the intellectual capacity of machines: the combinatorial explosion. The possibilities in a given situation can very rapidly become virtually endless. Besides, such a policy of trial and error seems in human terms somewhat mindless.

Hacker is more analytical. It has access to information on various categories of bugs and ways of solving them, as well as the purposes of the tower building program. Its strategy depends on its ability to classify bugs and deal with them in the light of what it knows. Each new bug is classified and added to the information already in the program's possession, so that the program can be said to learn from its mistakes.

One of the preoccupations of the artificial intelligence group at the MIT is to exploit computer programming in the development of real intelligence. Writing and debugging programmes is seen as a way of developing and examining thought processes in a situation where a given line of thought can be made to have direct logical consequences in the real world.

Dr Seymour Papert has for some time been engaged in a pilot scheme in which young children learn a simple programming language (LOGO) to control the behaviour of a mechanical turtle bearing a retractable pen which can make line drawings. In the attempt to write programs which will make the turtle draw what they want, the children not only learn some rudiments of computer science but are forced to analyse their own thought processes in order to design and debug their programs.

Dr Ira Goldstein wrote a program recently for debugging LOGO turtle programs, thus formulating the knowledge and the processes involved in debugging skill in the same way that Dr Sussman has done with Hacker. Dr Goldstein's program is not intended to be autonomous. Its status as an assistant to a human programmer is reflected in its designation Mycroft, after Sherlock Holmes's famous brother who was called in to help with only really recalcitrant cases.

But its importance, like that of the other debugging program, lies in the formulation of models for thought processes. The development of programs, which, like human behaviour, actually interact with the real world, makes possible deeper analogies between machine and human processes. A simple example, given by Dr Goldstein, is that of the "interrupt", a break in processing that enables the machine to stop and deal with an eventuality that could not be predicted. That situation is equivalent to that which occurs in real life, for example, when an animal is suddenly confronted with a predator.

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Mr Ford stresses resolve o tackle inflation as he neets economic advisers

om Frank Vogl
ashington, Aug 9

Mr Gerald Ford, the new sident of the United States, ld a meeting with his econo-c advisers *this afternoon* as e of his first acts on taking ice.

Mr Ford "underlined his ermination and resolve to empt to *bring inflation under* ntrol" at this meeting, cording to the new White use press secretary, Mr J. F. Horst.

Speculation is widespread that Ford will make some new pointments to the White use economic team, but for time being, Mr ter Horst d, the President has asked the ld Guard" to stay in office. However, *it is of some significance* that Mr Ford has fully dorsed the recent nomination his predecessor that Mr Alan eenspan, the conservative onomics consultant from New rk, should become the next airman of the Council of onomics Advisers.

Mr Greenspan, who is likely replace Dr Herbert Stein, the esent CEA chairman, within a w weeks, is well known for ving grave fears about present *onomic trends*

Mr Greenspan took part in is afternoon's meeting, with Stein, who shortly takes up professorship at the Univer-y of Virginia.

Others at the meeting were: *Arthur Burns, chairman of* e Federal Reserve Board, Mr oy Ash, Director of the Office Management and Budget, r Kenneth Rush, the Chief onomic Policy Counsellor at e White House, and Mr Wil-*m Simon, the Treasury Secre*-ry.

Mr terHorst said the meet-g was "a very preliminary ie". Nevertheless it is significant since ex-President Nixon d had no meetings at all with *is key group, despite* the rious economic situation, in s last five weeks as President. Keen observers of the economic scene may draw some con-usions from the fact that Mr Donald Rumsfeld is one of the *four men the President* has chosen to form a special "transition team" to ease the changes from the Nixon to the Ford Administration.

Mr Rumsfeld was a director of the Cost of Living Council and of the Office of Economic Opportunity in the first Nixon Administration.

Mr A. W. Clausen, president of the Bank of America, the *world's largest bank, summed* up the American business community's reaction to the political events here by saying: "It is imperative that we turn our attention *immediately—as soon* as the changeover in the executive *branch permits—to get*ting these imbalances (between supply and demand) and the resulting inflation solved".

People close to him have revealed that Mr Ford met Congressional leaders last *week to discuss the economy*, and stressed then that be was unhappy about the lack of firm action evinced by the Nixon Administration.

In common with the rest of the country the markets appeared to utter a profound sigh of relief. But trading tended to be light and there were no great movements in share prices.

It must be remembered that the Dow Jones industrial average has risen 45 points on the first three days of this week in expectation of President Nixon's resignation.

The general expectancy in *economic and financial circles* is that Mr Ford will rely heavily for economic advice on Dr Arthur Burns, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board and his old friend, Dr Paul McCracken, former chairman of the *Council of Economic Advisers*, and now a professor at Michigan University, Mr Ford's home state. Both these men are likely to advocate tough budget cuts.

This is one matter that the *new President is likely* to raise when he addresses it on Monday. Experts estimate that Mr Ford will aim at budget cuts of at least $6,000m (£2,500m).

Dr Paul McCracken (left) and Dr Arthur Burns: supporters of drastic budget cuts.

Capel-Cure and Myers will merge in November

By Maurice Barnfather

Stockbrokers Capel-Cure and Carden and Myers and Co are to merge on November 1, with incorporation planned for next April or May. The merger, which comes two months after Capel-Cure's abortive talks with Vickers da Costa, aims to create "a viable and competitive organization".

Neither firm has traded at a loss *during the past three* months despite adverse trading conditions, but Mr Somerset Gibbs, senior partner of Capel-Cure, and the new firm of Capel-*Cure Myers, sees "no point in* coming up to the City every day and not making money".

There will be 36 partners in the new firm, which will take in all the Capel-Cure partners plus nine from Myers. Four other Myers partners will join the firm below partner level, while one is leaving altogether. *Staff will total 210*, which means 50 people are being made redundant. With Myers's Burroughs' machines playing second fiddle to Capel-Cure's *IBM* computer, many of the staff cuts will be concentrated in this area.

The two firms, who came together as a result of an advertisement by Capel-Cure, are basically complementary. Myers's main strength *is in in*vestment trusts and overseas *securities*: it has offices in Hongkong and Australia.

Although both are prominent in the gilt-edged market, Myers is more involved in the short-dated stocks and Capel-Cure in the medium and long-dated *issues*.

The proposed Capel-Cure/Vickers da Costa merger, announced in May, foundered 10 weeks later, apparently because *the* former was a "pure" partnership and the latter a corporate member of The Stock Exchange. This made it difficult to assess the assets contributions of the firms.

It was also announced yesterday that the three-partner firm *of Citron and Co will cease to* trade on August 30. All outstanding obligations of the firm will be settled.

Executive shake-up at Triumph Investment Trust after losses of £19·5m revealed

By John Plender

Sweeping management changes, a heavily qualified audit report and provisions and write-offs of over £21m are revealed in the annual report and accounts *of Triumph Investment* Trust, the "fringe" financial concern founded by Mr G. T. Whyte, who is stepping down as chairman to serve as chief executive.

In a set of accounts which has been deeply scarred by the crisis in secondary banking, a pre-tax profit of £2.1m has been transformed by the plunge in the equity and property mar*kets into a loss of £19.5m after* exceptional provisions and write-offs, including £6.1m for goodwill.

The newly appointed chairman, *Lord Chelmer*, a *former* treasurer of the Conservative Party and non-executive director of Triumph, says that the directors believe the accounts are "as realistic as possible in the present circumstances, but it must be understood that at the end of the day assets are *worth* only what willing buyers are prepared to pay for them.

"It would be foolish to pretend at this time either that many assets are readily saleable or that buyers are generally *willing to pay prices which bear* any fair relation to the true value of the asset concerned", he said.

The report confirms that Triumph had recourse to the "lifeboat" committee of the Bank of England and the clearing banks. Of the group's deposits of £49m at March 31, compared with £80.7m at the end of the previous year, *£11.75m is specifically* attributed to the committee.

Lord Chelmer says that the banking subsidiary G. T. Whyte met the loss of 25 per cent of its deposits from its own resources until the end of December. It then sought assis*tance from the "lifeboat" com*mittee.

"Help was given but on very stringent conditions," he states. "The plain fact is that practically all deposits are withdrawn as they mature and no *new ones are placed and even* in the best of economic conditions there can be very few banks, if any, who could unwind their affairs sufficiently fast to meet an almost total withdrawal of funds on due dates."

In their report, the company's auditors, Coopers & Lybrand, say the accounts "have been prepared on the basis of the group being a going concern *which assumes the continuing* support of the clearing banks until a reorganization to reduce Triumph's dependence on bank borrowings has been *completed* in a commercially satisfactory manner".

The auditors have been unable to satisfy themselves as to the value of property, loans and advances and investments in associated companies amounting to £42.2m in the group *accounts*.

After the provisions, net tangible assets of Triumph are shown at £11.7m or 20.46p a share, compared with 42.76p a year ago. Yesterday, *before the* statement was released after *hours*, the shares were quoted at 7½p making the group's capitalization £4.3m, compared with a peak last year of £72.3m.

Mr H. Andreae, chairman of Triumph's affiliate, *Securities* Management Company SA, has *joined the board, while* Mr M. Horowitz, Mr P. H. Gasc, Sir Charles Wheeler and Mr L. J. Richenberg have resigned.

Bonn sees second half growth rise

Bonn, Aug 9.—West Germany's Economics Ministry *forecast* today that gross national product, and in particular domestic demand, will grow more strongly *in* the second half of this year than *in the first six months*, when real gnp is estimated to have *risen* between 1 and 1.5 per cent compared with the first half of 1973.

In an analysis of the economic situation the Ministry *said the situation demanded* a velvet glove approach to economic policy.

It said there were good chances for improving the record in the fight against inflation; for bringing off the *necessary structural changes* in the economy, and for achieving a moderate increase in internal demand in the autumn. If necessary this could be supported by government action.

The ministry said there were *several indicators* pointing to an upturn in private consumption in the second half, like higher pension payments, the removal of the counter-inflation tax surcharge on upper level incomes from the middle *of the year*, and the coming into effect in the second half of higher wage settlements agreed at the beginning of the year.

It admitted a real stagnation was likely in industrial invest*ment and building activity* compared with the first half of the year, but noted that a more favourable picture should emerge in comparison with the second 1973 half, when investments dropped by a real 3 per cent.

On export activity, the ministry forecast a quieter development in the second half and a possible upturn in *imports, stimulated by domestic* demand, bringing a marked reduction in Germany's external surplus.

It forecast significant success on prices, and said the cost of living index this year should *show an average increase of* only 7.5 per cent at the most.

Strike makes 3,000 idle at Longbridge

By R. W. Shakespeare
Northern Industrial Correspondent

A *strike* over the sacking of two men alleged to have been fighting on the shop floor stopped car engine production at British Leyland's Longbridge plant, Birmingham, yesterday and made nearly *3,000 workers* idle.

The trouble began on the night shift on Thursday when the 1,300 workers making engines for Mini, Marina and Allegro cars walked out demanding the reinstatement of a toolsetter and a labourer dismissed for "industrial misconduct".

Yesterday toolroom workers on the day shift joined the *stoppage and another* 1,500 production workers had to be sent home. Last night talks between shop stewards and management were still in progress.

A company spokesman said: "Finished car production is *not yet affected because the* assembly lines are working from existing stocks of engines".

Talks also started yesterday between union leaders and management in a fresh attempt to resolve the three-week strike by 450 clerical workers at British Leyland's truck and tractor factory at Bathgate, Scotland. This stoppage over a pay dispute has halted production and nearly 5,000 workers are laid off.

At the *Chrysler car plant* at Linwood, Renfrewshire, about 7,000 workers voted yesterday to accept a new pay deal. It will increase the plant's wages bill by about 20 per cent and add between £7 and £9 a week *to pay packets*.

The agreement puts into effect company promises to close the earnings gap between Chrysler's Scottish car workers and those in the company's Coventry plants. Moves to *bring this* about were held up by various phases of incomes policy.

In practice the new settlements will raise the top pay grades by £7.80 a week plus a special threshold payment of *£1.20 a week. Skilled workers* will get an increase of just over £9 to give them a new basic wage of more than £50 and a labourer's wage will increase by £6.45 to give a weekly wage of more than £41.

Big gas find reported in Siberia

Soviet geologists on the Yamal peninsular in northern *Siberia* have discovered a deposit of more than 1,000,000 million cubic metres of gas, Tass News Agency reported yesterday.

The new *deposit*, named "Bovenko" after a famous *Soviet* geo-physicist, is the largest of five deposits discovered so far in the Yamal area, Tass said.

The agency said much of the gas would be transported *along* a new pipeline linking northern *Siberia with the* industrial centres, and some would be exported.—Reuter.

Spain raises bank rate

Spain has raised its bank rate from 6 per cent to 7 per cent, *Señor Pio Cabanillas, Informa*tion and Tourism Minister, announced in Madrid yesterday. Official sources said earlier the increase was designed to bring Spain's rate into line with the higher bank rates abroad.

Chrysler trucks dearer

Chrysler Corporation aims to increase truck prices in line *with the 9.5 and 8 per cent* planned respectively by General Motors and Ford, Reuter reports from Detroit.

£36m Australian deficit

Australia had a $A58m (about £36m) trade deficit in July, the Australian Statistics Bureau said yesterday. Exports were $A656m and imports $A714m. The July deficit compares with a $A20m surplus in June.

Italian trade gap

Italy reported a provisional trade deficit of 611,000m lire (about £400m) in June, up from *574,000m lire in May*.

Receiver for estate

The High Court has appointed a receiver for the estate of the late Walter Nathan Williams, who was for many years the *chairman of Israel-British Bank* of Tel-Aviv, now in liquidation.

‹opner drops xecutive share ption scheme

An executive share option heme is to be abandoned at opner Holdings, the Darl-gton-based shipping, engineering and insurance oking group, because of critisms made to the board. Relutions to approve the heme and to permit the cessary increase in authored capital at general eetings on August 12 have en withdrawn.

The proposals were prepared *consultation with Lowndes* anagement Incentives and ould have allowed an inease in Ropner's equity capital, including non-voting "A" ares, of up to 5 per cent. e potential increase in the *ting ordinary shares was 11.3* r cent.

The move comes at a time en investment institutions ve been showing some hostiy to incentive or scrip divind schemes where executives large private shareholders joy benefits while "gross" nds and others suffer dilun of their stake in the comny.

Six of the nine directors of pner Holdings are members the Ropner family.

The non-voting "A" shareolders would not have been titled to vote on the scheme the meeting had gone ahead.

Esso chairman attacks state oil participation

By Peter Hill

Government plans for increasing the level of state in*volvement in offshore oil and* gas exploration and development have been attacked by Dr Austin Pearce, chairman of Esso Petroleum.

He warned the Government yesterday against taking *measures to control rates of* production from offshore fields, and said that state participation was not the way to ensure an increase in the Government's share of profits.

He was also critical of gov*ernment proposals* which he said supposed that the recent dramatic rise in crude prices would automatically produce immense pre-tax profits for *companies operating in the* North Sea.

Dr Pearce said that the Government already had sufficient powers to deal with operational matters and his company was "most concerned" over the plan to enable *the State to con*trol production rates for reasons other than good oil-field practice.

Such a power, he said, introduced a big uncertainty in planning the size and timing of production facilities, pipelines and other associated developments.

The industry was seeking to install these facilities as quickly as possible in line with government exhortations, but if production rates were set up by *the State below the maximum* efficient rate, there would be a significant economic penalty as a result of not utilizing facilities to their capacity. Such a policy, he cautioned, could also discourage exploration *efforts*.

On the question of a British *National Oil Corporation to* represent the government participation in exploration and development Dr Pearce said there was a serious question as to why such a company was needed if additional taxes were *applied for the benefit of the* nation.

Criticizing the government plans for taxation on North Sea operations, Dr Pearce said that Esso had always acknowledged that if excessive profits materi*alized from its continental shelf* operations, then it would be *appropriate* for an additional tax to be considered.

"In the absence of excessive profits, then I believe profits from offshore operations should be subject to the same general company tax rates as any other *commercial operation, plus the* royalties as provided in current licences, and see no justification for treating the oil industry differently", he added.

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£15,000 post at Treasury for Sir Bryan Hopkin

Sir Bryan Hopkin, aged 59, has been appointed chief economic adviser to the Treasury and head of the Government Economic Service at an annual salary of £15,350, it was announced yesterday. He will succeed Sir Kenneth Berrill, who becomes head of the Central Policy Review Staff on October 1.

Since 1972 Sir Bryan has been professor of economics at University College, Cardiff, and a member of the Commonwealth Development Corporation.

In 1969 he was appointed *director-general, Department of* Economic Affairs, and from 1969-72 served as deputy chief economic adviser, Treasury. He first entered the Civil Service as an assistant principal *in* the Ministry of Health in 1938.

Burmah facing $17m damages claim by Geon

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Geon Industries Incorporated has filed a suit for about $17m (£7m) against Burmah Oil Incorporated and its parent company, Burmah Oil Co, alleging breach of contract.

Burmah was to have acquired Geon, but broke off the deal following some civil *legal difficulties* Geon had encountered with regulatory authorities here and shareholders.

Geon maintained today that the suit resulted from Burmah's failure to give Geon appropriate notice that it was going to terminate its acquisition agreement and failing to give Geon a chance to work out an agreement.

Burmah specifically dropped *the deal on July 12 when two* shareholders brought an action against Geon, who said it would drop the suit if Burmah followed through with the Geon bid, but Burmah did not respond to this.

Venezuelan takeover move: A committee of jurists is preparing a draft law on nationalization of the Venezuelan oil industry, *according to sources* in Caracas.

The draft will be submitted to a government-appointed committee on reversion of the oil industry to the Venezuelan state, which must report on its conclusions by December 15.

Japan urged to keep money curbs

Tokyo, Aug 9.—Japan should continue its tight money and demand-control policies to strengthen price stabilization, Mr Tshneo Uchida, director-general of the economic planning agency, *told a Cabinet* meeting today.

While certain signs of sluggishness in the business climate have begun to appear, underlying investment and consumer demand was still strong, he said.

Mr Uchida made his remarks the same day the planning agency released its annual white paper on the economy. This document stressed the need for a lower economic growth rate in years ahead and for a change *in Japan's industrial structure* to one that is low in pollution and low in energy consumption.

The white paper expressed considerable concern about trends in Japan's balance of payments. The document said it *was imperative to keep Japanese* goods competitive in export markets, and that this could only be done by keeping domestic prices stable.

The white paper also said price stability would forestall a further escalation of inflation-related wage levels and expedite the transformation of the country's *industrial structure*.

In line with industrial transformation, the white paper said Japan should boost private and government assistance to foreign countries and import semi-finished goods and manu*factured products* rather than just raw materials.

In this context the report noted that assistance to developing countries should help promote their economic growth, which would in turn *possibly enhance their demand* for Japanese goods.

The planning agency said it was highly desirable for Japan to have an economic system that could withstand such externally triggered shocks as an oil boycott.

The nation must hold down oil and energy consumption and recycle those energy resources currently discharged as industrial waste, it said.

The report also called for a more flexible interest rate *mechanism to insure that* available funds are distributed more efficiently.

Price freeze relaxed: Tokyo's administrative freeze on prices of 32 industrial products and consumer goods was lifted *today. Officials said the decision* was made at a Cabinet meeting after complaints that the freeze was merely serving to stabilize prices at high levels, and held them there even when *the* supply-demand situation tight*ness eased*.

The 32 items to be removed from the freeze list include steel products, aluminium processed goods, vinyl chloride resin, soy source, butter, skim milk and beer.

The price freeze was imposed on March 18, when a 62.3 per cent average increase in domestic petroleum product prices was sanctioned to cover higher crude oil costs.—AP-Dow Jones.

Shipyard chief says Benn case 'totally false'

Vosper-Thornycroft, one of *Britain's most successful* specialist naval shipbuilders, yesterday launched a big campaign against plans to nationalize the shipbuilding industry, announced last week by Mr Benn, Secretary of State *for Industry*.

Sir David Brown, chairman, attacked Mr Benn's case as "totally false and very damaging" particularly in relation to the company's export sales.

Sir David said that the Portsmouth-based company, a subsidiary of the David Brown *Corporation*, had initiated an anti-nationalization campaign.

Armstrong Cork to set up £10m Teesside plant

Armstrong Cork, the British affiliate of the American Armstrong Cork group, is to invest £10m on Teesside. Announcing this yesterday, Mr Frederick Donnelly Jr, Armstrong's general manager of international operations, said that the group *did not believe "scare" stories* about Britain.

Armstrong is to build a cushioned flooring material plant at Thornaby, Teesside. It will initially employ 120 people, increasing to 200. The plant will start production in 1977.

Mr Donnelly said yesterday that at least *50 per cent of* output would be for Europe.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 93.16 −0.08.
F.T. index: 237.3 unchanged

Rises

ARB-Latham	5p to 215p	Kinross	5p to 675p
Blyvoors	20p to 870p	Lee Cooper	10p to 85p
Dutton For	2p to 22p	MIM Hldgs	5p to 150p
Delta Inv	3p to 43p	Nat Carbon	4p to 48p
Hamersley	7p to 100p	Status Disc	1p to 14p
Hoechst	5p to 280p	Wadkin	3p to 51p
Hollilyn "A"	3p to 37p	Winsor Newton	10p to 125p

Falls

Alpine Hldgs	1p to 9p	Palace Torquay	5p to 18p
Drake Cubitt	1p to 9p	Shannon	2p to 22p
Houlder Line	25p to 525p	Stephen, J.	3p to 15p
Horizon Mid	3½p to 12p	Utd Dom Tst	3p to 31p
Imp Cont Gas	5p to 400p	Union Plat	12p to 150p
Pifco Hldgs	4p to 36p	Waterval Plat	12p to 150p
Philips Lamp	10p to 645p	Wood, W.	1p to 11p

Equities had a quiet session.
Gilt-edged securities were thinly traded.
Sterling gained 80 points at $2.3725.
Gold rose $2.25 to $153.75.
SDR-$ was 1.9937 on Friday while SDR-£ was 0.505381.

Commodities: Copper lost £22.50 after being £40 down in early trading. Tin fell £65 and zinc dropped £19. LME silver was 3.5p lower. *Coffee futures staged a strong* rally. Reuters index slumped 16.6 to 1,259.6.

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.65	1.61
Austria Sch	44.75	42.75
Belgium Fr	95.50	92.75
Canada $	2.355	2.305
Denmark Kr	14.40	14.00
Finland Mkk	8.95	8.70
France Fr	11.45	11.15
Germany DM	6.25	6.05
Greece Dr	73.00	70.00
Hong Kong $	12.20	11.85
Italy Lr	1,640.00	1,590.00
Japan Yn	745.00	720.00
Netherlands Gld	6.40	6.20
Norway Kr	13.10	12.75
Portugal Esc	62.25	58.75
S Africa Rd	1.94	1.87
Spain Pes	135.50	132.50
Sweden Kr	10.65	10.30
Switzerland Fr	7.20	6.95
US $	2.415	2.355
Yugoslavia Dnr	37.00	35.00

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Grouse

Why, oh why does the Treasury keep on announcing new and improved issues for National Savings months before it is ready to introduce them?

It is a regular event that new terms for the various National Savings schemes are announced in the Budget, but very few of the new issues arc every ready ot go on sale to the public until midsummer.

Any hopes that people would be sensible and delay purchase of more National Savings certificates, for example, or British Savings bonds, are sadly shattered by the National Savings receipts in the months immediately after the Budget.

Without fail, sales of National Savings improve immediately after the announcement of something new and better irrespective of the fact that the new investments will only be on sale months later.

So what are all these savers buying in the meantime? They are buying the old issues of National Savings certificates, etc. The very ones which the Treasury has implicitly condemned by having announced that a better issue, with more realistic rates, is round the corner.

Arguments that people like to build up their full permitted holding of the old issue before it is effectively withdrawn from circulation, are really little more than an excuse.

Admittedly, there may be some administrative problems but has the Treasury considered stopping sales of all the old issues which are about to be superseded during the interim period before the new ones are available?

With other organizations selling investments one hopes that the vendor, or rather the vendor's agents, would give the purchaser advice as to whether or not he should be contemplating this or that form of investment. But investment advice is not a service Post Office staff are equipped to give and it is not likely that anyone popping in to buy some more National Savings certificates will be advised to come back a few months later when an improved issue will then be on sale.

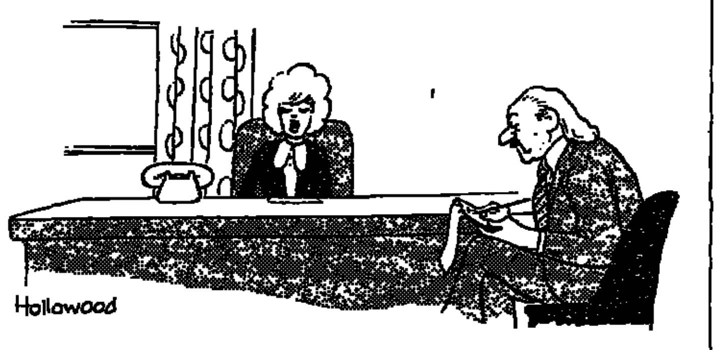
The simple solution that investors should subsequently cash in their old holdings and replace them with new isn't always attractive or possible. National Savings certificates, for example, have very little accrued interest attached to them in the early years and Save As You Earn is a non-transferable contract with poor early surrender terms.

The present situation with a promise of a new index-linked SAYE contract in nine to 12 months' time bears very hard on people who took advantage of the new second SAYE series, introduced only a month ago. The fact they will be able to subscribe to the index-linked scheme as well is not the answer for someone who can't afford both.

It is a pity that interchangeability with the index-linked scheme cannot be arranged.

Pensions

Why women have lost out on pension rights



" Some jobs are more often filled by women and others by men, and it is difficult to see this situation changing."

Mrs Castle will—so far as anything is certain in politics—introduce legislation with the objective of removing discrimination against women in occupational pension schemes. In my last article, I suggested that a simple requirement that rules could not specify less favourable conditions or benefits for women than for men, although politically attractive, would achieve a less spectacular effect in practice then one would suppose.

Perhaps the greatest problem in this whole area is the difficulty of enforcement. There has been a trend in the recent past to leave more and more discretion in the hands of the regulatory authorities. The Social Security Act, for example, would have empowered the Occupational Pensions Board to refuse to issue a certificate of recognition on the grounds that some features of the scheme or its management made it "inexpedient", in the board's view, for a certificate to be issued.

One might suppose that such a sweeping power to apply subjective judgments would cover any possibility of abuse: but the volume of work involved, dealing with tens of thousands of schemes, would require an army of civil servants unless clear guidelines were laid down—effectively removing the element of subjective judgment.

I will refrain from comment, on this occasion, on the desirability of legislators leaving administrators with such a wide degree of discretion.

The experience of the Inland Revenue in the past—although not in relation to discrimination between the sexes—is relevant to this problem. It was the practice, at one time, in relation to one of the commonest types of scheme, to deny the employer discretion as to the individuals to be admitted—the groups eligible for admission to the scheme had to be specified in the rules. It was, however, permitted to allow entry to some categories of employee but not to others.

The intention behind this requirement was widely recognized to be unenforceable. The commonest device was to specify that membership of the scheme was open to "pensionable staff" (or "established" staff or any other suitable designation). A person was a member of the pensionable staff if he was told that he was. In many firms, of course, employees automatically became members of the pensionable staff on completion of specified age and service conditions, and there is then no evasion of the intention.

This situation illustrates the major problem facing any sort of non-discrimination legislation: unless it is made illegal to provide benefits for any employee unless corresponding benefits are provided for all, it is impossible to prevent the definition of categories in a way which in practice discriminates against a particular group.

Deliberate evasion, although there will always be a certain amount of it, is never likely to be widespread among the larger employers. What is even more significant is the way in which the same effect may be achieved innocently. Some jobs are more often filled by women and others by men, and it is difficult to see this situation changing.

It is quite possible that the categories offered membership of a scheme will include predominantly men; equally, better benefits mav be offered to a group which is predominantly male. The reasons may have nothing to do with sex discrimination.

Two common examples spring to mind: it is quite usual to confine pension schemes to full-time employees, on the grounds that part-time staff are working to supplement another source of income—normally their husband's—and do not really need (nor appreciate) provision for pension; the work involved in including them is also, in many cases, disproportionately heavy. Yet most part-time employees are in fact women.

Again, supervisory staff in manufacturing industries are frequently given better benefits than unskilled workers without responsibilities: entry to the scheme may even be restricted to supervisory employees, because their turnover rate may be expected to be lower.

There is a good case for extending provision to all members of the full-time work force, but this is nothing to do with discrimination between the sexes. Yet it happens that the proportion of women in supervisory grades is lower than in the rank and file, and therefore fewer women than men benefit from a scheme for supervisors.

A similar situation arises from industry-wide differences in the proportion of women. Coalminers, for example, have a pension scheme, but shop assistants, unless they work for one of the larger retail groups, generally do not. The reason is nothing to do with the larger proportion of women among shop assistants.

This sort of situation can be resolved only by insisting on universal average for pension schemes (whether state-run or private); even then levels of benefit will almost certainly vary. Does this represent discrimination against women?

However far-fetched may be the private views of a small number of people, it is likely that Mrs Castle will stop a long way short of these problems. Her concern will be with blatant, widespread discrimination against women, and she is likely to be satisfied if she deals with the situation in the larger firms.

It is in these cases that a simple ban on discriminatory rules against women is likely to be effective, because a large employer cannot work on the basis of individual selection. Such a ban would need to be backed by legislation to prevent conditions of employment differing by, for example, ascribing a different status to men and women—but the current trend in legislation on discrimination in employment generally should ensure that this is covered adequately.

The important fact is that—as in other social problems—there is a limit to what can be achieved by legislation. It is really only through a change in attitudes in society at large that discrimination against any sector of the community can be removed.

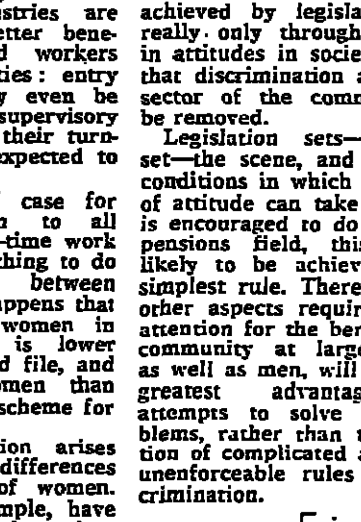
Legislation sets—or should set—the scene, and establishes conditions in which the change of attitude can take place, and is encouraged to do so. In the pensions field, this is most likely to be achieved by the simplest rule. There are many other aspects requiring urgent attention for the benefit of the community at large. Women, as well as men, will derive the greatest advantage from attempts to solve these problems, rather than the imposition of complicated and largely unenforceable rules about discrimination.

Eric Brunet

Ferguson Industrial Holdings Limited

At the Annual General Meeting, Chairman Denis Vernon reported for the year ended 28 February 1974 profit before tax increased from £567,309 to £1,081,182.

- Net assets now 67p per share
- Return on capital employed is 25%
- Earnings per share have risen at an annual compound rate of 41.6% over the last 5 years
- 1st quarter sales for current year £4,172,000 and unaudited pretax profit £225,000
- 3 new warehouses planned for next 3 years
- Additional medium term loan of £400,000 has been negotiated.



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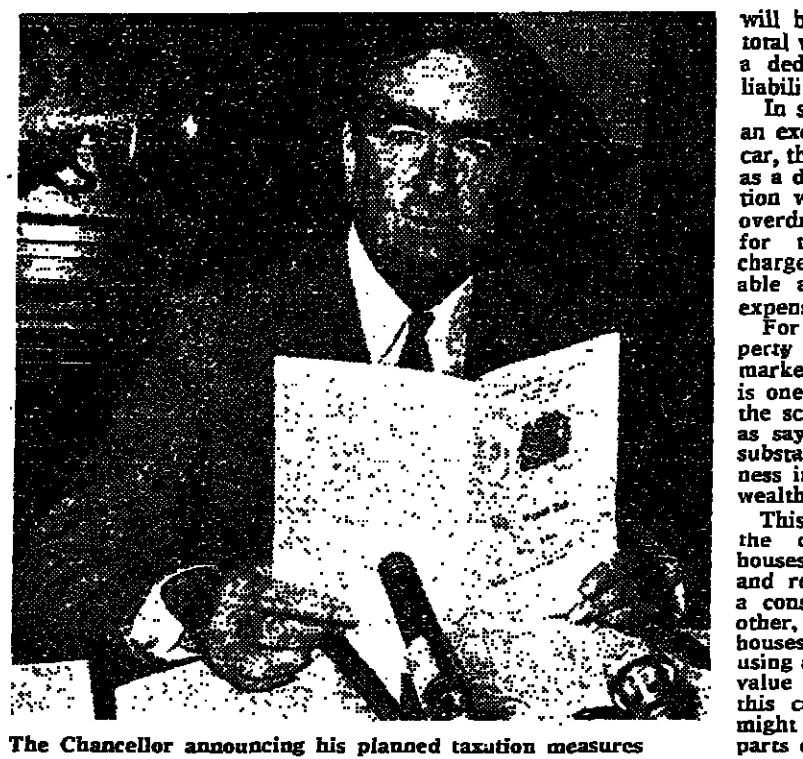
Wealth tax

How much are you worth? New tax bites at £100,000



The Chancellor announcing his planned taxation measures

The long awaited Green Paper on the proposed wealth tax was published on Thursday. The purpose of the Green Paper is to stimulate public discussion on the next tax and we have until the 1976 Finance Bill to do just that. Every minute of the time will be needed since the Green Paper is more a scream for help than a serious document with serious proposals.

The fact is that the Government has decided that there will be a wealth tax come what may and they have now, for the first time, realized that a wealth tax is a fantastically difficult tax to operate, expensive to collect, fairly easy to avoid (and very easy to evade by illegal means) and totally unpredictable in yield.

The Green Paper does not tell us what the rate of tax will be but gives two possible scales which might or might not be used. Both scales give exemption for the first £100,000 of assets; the lower scale indicates rising percentage rates from 1 per cent at £100,000 of wealth to 2½ per cent at over £5m of wealth, whereas the higher scale rises from 1 per cent at £100,000 to 5 per cent for wealth over £5m.

The estimated yield lies between £200m and £425m. As a matter of interest this is roughly equivalent to the loss of yield to the Treasury through the recent cut in VAT from 10 per cent to 8 per cent.

As the new tax will not fit into the existing Inland Revenue administration a separate organization is to be set up to administer the tax. Any individual who thinks that his wealth exceeds the exemption limit should then volunteer that information to the organization which, in order to encourage non-volunteers, will be given power to seek out information about an individual's wealth from other sources. It is not clear from the Green Paper how far this power will extend.

In principle the taxable individual will be liable to wealth tax on all his chargeable assets after deducting liabilities. For this purpose it is probable that a husband and wife will be regarded, as they are for estate duty purposes, as separate taxpayers but the wealth of minor children will be aggregated with that of one of the parents.

The normal rule might be that the child's wealth would be aggregated with that of the parent from whose side of the family the wealth derived. No consideration is given to the perfectly normal situation where a child receives a legacy from someone outside the family.

The general rule will be that any individual who is resident and domiciled in the United Kingdom will be liable to the tax on his worldwide assets; United Kingdom assets belonging to non-residents will be treated more leniently and it does not take too much imagination to see that there will be a rare bonanza in store for foreign lawyers in the trust business.

An attempt has been made in the Green Paper to forestall avoidance tactics of this nature, but the entire experience of those few countries with a wealth tax has been that avoidance in this field will flourish.

The Green Paper goes as far as drawing a distinction between "genuine" and "artificial" overseas trusts so at least the Chancellor is aware of the problem, although not fo the solution, for the simple reason that there is none.

The preferential treatment to owner-occupied houses in the capital gains tax is not repeated in the case of the wealth tax and it is obvious that many people will fall into the wealth tax net purely by reason of the fact that the value of their houses has greatly increased in recent years.

The Green Paper states that it would not be practicable to require a valuation of all normal household and personal assets. A possible solution to this problem is to give a separate exemption up to a certain value for personal and domestic property: the exemption might include cars used primarily for private purposes.

This country already taxes individuals more highly than any country in Europe and with this point in mind the Green Paper considers the interaction with existing taxes and proposes that consideration be given to putting a ceiling on to the total taxes paid by individuals. No decision on the matter has been taken.

Similarly the linkage between the present income tax investment income surcharge and the wealth tax is recognized and there is a possibility that the taxpayer will only pay whichever is the higher of the two.

Although pension rights will in principle be excluded from the wealth tax, this concession will not apply to savings by means of life assurance. So the value of life assurance policies will be included in a person's total wealth. On the other hand a deduction will be given for liabilities and mortgages.

In so far as a debt relates to an exempt asset, for example a car, the debt will not be allowed as a deduction. What the position will be in the case of an overdraft which has been used for the purpose of buying chargeable assets, non-chargeable assets and current living expenses is not even considered.

For wealth tax purposes, property will be valued on an open market value basis. Valuation is one of the least exact of all the sciences which is the same as saying that there will be a substantial element of arbitrariness in fixing the total taxable wealth.

This is clearly illustrated in the case of owner-occupied houses. Even though capital and rental values do not bear a constant proportion to each other, the value attributed to houses might be arrived at by using a multiple of their annual value for rating purposes; in this case a different multiple might be needed for different parts of the country.

Stock Exchange securities will be valued as for capital gains tax purposes and unquoted securities, for example in private companies, will be valued on a hypothetical open market value basis.

As indicated above, the Government proposes a system of self-assessment. These assessments will be subject to sample checks by the Inland Revenue but the experience of wealth taxation in other countries is that these checks can be no more than infrequent. There will be penalties imposed on any taxpayer who deliberately under-values his wealth. Where a taxpayer has over-estimated his wealth, the Revenue will pay interest to him on any over-payment of tax.

Every year there will be a "valuation day" which might be March 31 or December 31. All valuations will have to be made on whichever date is chosen. How the valuation profession will react to this can only be imagined.

What is clear is that the costs incurred by a taxpayer in getting a professional valuation will not be deductible in arriving at the tax liability.

Lindsay Duncan

Capital transfer tax

The cost of being generous

Proposed Capital Transfer Tax		Estate Duty	
Slice of chargeable transfers £'000s	Rate %	Slice of estate £'000s	Rate %
0-15	0	0-15	0
15-20	10	15-20	25
20-25	15	20-30	30
25-30	20	30-40	35
30-40	25	40-50	40
40-50	30	50-60	45
50-60	35	60-80	50
60-80	40	80-100	55
80-100	45	100-150	60
100-120	50		
120-150	55	150-200	65
150-500	60	200-500	70
500-1.000	65		
1.000-2.000	70	Over 500	75
Over 2.000	75		

Of the two new taxes outlined by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Healey, on Thursday, it is the capital transfer tax which will affect the wider number of people. Its threshold—£15,000—not to mention the fact that it is also replacing estate duty, means that sooner or later most people will be subject to it.

The essence of the tax is that it will be cumulative: all the gifts one makes in one's lifetime are totalled and the appropriate tax rate is levied against the amount of latest gift. In other words if you had already made gifts in the order of £20,000, the amount of tax charged on a further gift of £5,000 would be at the rate for £25,000.

The value of one's estate at death is added on to the total of gifts made during one's lifetime in order to establish the appropriate tax rates.

However, generosity hasn't been totally penalized. In the first place the first £15,000 of lifetime gifts are exempt from tax. Then £1,000 of gifts can be made each year without incurring a tax charge. For wedding gifts there is a special concession of £1,000 (£2,500 if one is an ancestor to either bride or bridegroom).

The third exemption is for gifts from income which form part of the donor's normal expenditure and leave sufficient income to maintain his normal standard of living. The White Paper makes it clear that "income" in this context means the donor's taxable income after tax.

The big advantage of the capital transfer tax over estate duty is in its treatment of widows (or widowers, for that matter). Although husbands and wives will individually be liable to the tax—itself an advantage as it doubles the tax free giving capacity of the family—gifts between husband and wife are totally exempt from the new tax.

And the word "gifts" in this instance also means bequests. So in future the surviving spouse will be able to inherit all the deceased partner's worldly goods and wealth without a penny being levied in estate duty. It is a big improvement on the old estate duty rule where the maximum tax free inheritance for a wife was £30,000.

Ultimately, of course, the full tax will be garnered when the surviving spouse dies. And as a corollary the existing exemption on the death of a surviving spouse of property left in trust to him or her will be withdrawn for property to which the new rules apply on the occasion of the first death.

As the tax officially came into operation when it was first announced in the Budget, when its terms were not yet known, some arrangement had to be made for involuntary gifts—ie on death—made during this period. And the assurance was that the existing estate duty provisions would apply. This has been confirmed as being the case for all deaths occurring during the interim period between March 25 and the forthcoming autumn Budget.

It is a pity, however, that executors of wills have not been given the option between choosing between the new and old arrangements where probate has not been granted, particularly when the new system is so much more advantageous for surviving spouses.

If, as intended, the capital transfer tax along with the proposed wealth tax, is to be redistributive, it is perhaps surprising that the tax is to be levied in the hands of the donor, not the recipient. The reasons for this are purely administrative. The capital transfer tax is being built upon the old estate duty legislation, which is a tax on the deceased person's estate, and so the same principle of taxing the donor has been retained here.

The principle, however, is not sacrosanct and one day the tax could be turned upside down to become a tax on the beneficiaries of gifts, not the donors.

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The second extract from the Hambro Tax Guide will be published next week.

Unit trust performance

UNIT TRUSTS: Growth and Specialist Funds (progress this year and in past three years). Unitholder Index 1284.7, fall from January 1, 1974: 17.7.

GROWTH

	A	B
Vav Capital Acc	4.3	−7.7
Unicorn Prof Assns	3.5	—
Brandts Capital	3.1	−8.2
Drayton Internat	−2.4	2.5
New Court Smllr Cos	−6.3	—
Slater Walker Acc	−7.0	−1.4
New Court Equity	−7.6	−24.9
Stratton	−10.3	−24.9
M & G Compound	−10.6	3.5
Sebag Capital	−11.1	—
Slater Walker Grth	−11.5	−4.6
Talisman	−11.5	−12.2
M & G Magnum	−11.6	11.9
Slater Walker Ass	−11.6	4.8
British Life Capital	−11.9	−24.4
BL Opportunity	−12.0	−7.7
Oceanic Performnce	−12.2	−21.1
Slater Walker Prof	−12.6	—
Shield	−12.6	−18.3
S Walker Status Ch	−13.2	—
L & C Unit Trust	−13.4	—
Oceanic Progressive	−14.2	−27.9
Special Situations	−14.4	−28.4
Coyne Growth	−15.1	−43.8
Unicorn Recovery	−15.2	−27.9
Marlborough	−15.4	—
Hambro 2nd Smllr	−15.9	—
M & G Recovery	−16.7	29.2
GT Capital	−17.1	−17.1
Nat West Capital	−17.6	−23.9
Bridge Capital	−18.7	−21.8
Friars House	−18.9	—
Hambro Acc	−19.1	—
M & G Special	−19.2	0.1
Vav Personal Port	−19.4	9.6
Stockholders	−19.4	−31.7
Jessel Cap Growth	−19.4	−5.0
Oceanic Recovery	−19.5	−29.8
Schroder Capital	−19.6	−41.0
Drayton Growth	−19.8	−15.1
S & P Scotfunds	−20.9	4.9
Morgan Grenfell Cp	−21.2	−19.0
Hambros Recovery	−21.2	−22.1
Capital Priority	−21.8	−27.4
M & G Conv Gr	−21.9	—
S & P Scotgrowth	−23.2	−25.1
Tyndal Capital	−23.8	−37.4
Key Private Inv	−23.9	—
Abacus Growth	−23.9	−28.6
Key Capital	−24.2	−33.4
NPI Growth	−24.5	−25.1
Jascot Compound	−24.6	—
Vanguard Growth	−25.0	−37.0
First Nat Growth	−25.1	—
Target Growth	−25.6	−40.1
Tyndall Nat & Com	−25.7	−39.9
S & P Capital	−25.7	−36.7
Confederation Gro	−25.9	—
S & P Ebor Slct Gr	−26.1	—
Unicorn Gro Acc	−26.8	−35.2
Abbey Capital	−27.0	—
Hambro Smllr Cos	−27.3	−28.1
S & P Ebor Cap Ac	−27.6	−34.3
Trident Performnce	−29.1	−12.8
EP Growth	−32.4	−43.6
P & M Growth	−33.4	−46.0
Portfolio Capital	−33.9	−39.4
Crescent Growth	−40.1	−45.0
Jessel Gold & Gen	27.9	77.8
GT US & General	12.7	—
GT Japan & General	12.5	—
Drayton Com & Gen	11.8	60.7
Hambro Exempt	2.3	—
Barbican Eur Exempt	2.0	—
New Court Exempt	1.4	−11.5
London & Brussels	1.0	—
Hill Samuel Dollar	−0.1	−1.2
Nat Natural Resrces	−0.3	9.3
S Walker Financial	−0.9	21.7
Met Mins & Comms	−1.2	−10.9
Gartmore European	−1.2	—
Target Preference	−1.5	−24.7
Gartmore Overseas	−2.4	—
Jascot Commodity	−4.2	−5.1
Charterhouse Euro	−4.8	—
Sec Sel Univ Gth	−4.8	—
Vavasseur Internat	−4.9	0.9
S & P Ebor Commod	−5.8	19.6
M & G Japan	−5.9	45.6
Jascot International	−6.0	−16.4
S & P Japan Growth	−6.4	26.4
S & P Ebor Com Pen	−6.7	36.7
Target Inv Trust	−6.8	−33.3
Hill Samuel Finncl	−7.3	−28.6
S & P European Gth	−7.7	8.4
Oceanic Overseas	−7.9	−9.8
JL Int Consumer	−7.9	−22.5
Oceanic Financial	−8.0	−20.9
Ionian Foreign	−8.2	—
Hill Samuel Int	−8.5	−13.7
Jessel Commodity	−8.7	22.4
Rowan International	−8.7	—
Jascot Preference	−8.8	—
Schroder Europe	−8.9	17.5
Practical	−9.3	−32.8
Charterhouse Fits	−9.3	—
Vavasseur Financial	−9.9	−5.1
National Natblfs	−10.7	−21.9
Secs of America	−10.9	−22.2
Drayton FITS	−10.9	−23.8
Universal	−11.1	−26.1
Jessel Plant & Gen	−11.5	9.2
Talisman Int	−11.7	—
Bridge Exempt	−11.7	—
Trident Internat	−11.8	−16.3
Jessel Global	−12.1	7.4
Vavasseur N Amer	−12.1	—
Gt W'n'he'r Ovr Gt	−12.7	—
Vavasseur Aust	−12.7	—
Target Internat	−12.9	—
Jessel Aus & Gen	−13.1	—
Vav Oil & Nat Res	−13.1	−13.8
M & G Supertrust	−13.8	—
New Court Int	−13.9	—
S & P Scotlaps	−14.0	−17.3
London Wall Int	−14.1	−30.6
S & P Scotexmt Yld	−14.6	−22.4
Morgan Grenfell Ex	−14.8	—
M & G European	−14.9	—
Abbey Invest Trust	−15.1	—
Target Exempt	−15.1	−22.2
Henderson Gross	−16.0	−25.4
Oceanic Investment	−16.8	−42.6
S & P Scotexmt Gr	−16.8	−12.2
Bishopsgate Inter	−16.8	—
Jessel Exempt	−17.0	—
M & G Inv Trust	−17.1	−33.1
S & P Invest Trust	−17.7	−39.8
Unicorn Worldwide	−17.7	—
Crescent Internat	−17.7	−15.4
Vavasseur ITU	−17.9	−35.6
Abacus Arbut Inter	−17.9	—
Granchester Fund	−18.1	—
S & P Ebor Univ	−18.7	21.1
National Inv Trust	−19.6	−40.3
Jascot Capital	−19.7	−42.4
Unicorn Australia	−19.8	22.5
Vavasseur Europn	−20.0	—
S & P US Growth	−20.0	−32.7
Metropolit Exempt	−20.2	—
Jessel Inv Trust	−20.2	−31.3
National Gas & Pwr	−20.3	−22.2
Unicorn Exempt	−20.4	−31.0
M & G Australian	−20.6	—
Key Exempt	−20.7	—
Bridge Overseas	−21.0	—
M & G Far Eastern	−21.3	—
Allied Hambro Int	−21.3	—
Jascot Australian	−21.5	—
Tyndall Exempt	−22.0	−39.0
Nat West Financial	−22.4	−30.4
Schroder Pns & Chy	−22.5	−39.5
S&P Ebor Pr & Bdg	−22.7	−20.0
Minster Exempt	−22.9	—
Charterhouse Inter	−23.0	−43.3
M & G American	−23.0	—
Schroder Recovery	−23.3	−15.5
Unicorn Financial	−23.5	−34.6
Jascot North Sea	−24.2	—
Oceanic Exempt	−24.2	—
Tyndall Local Auth	−24.4	−38.9
M & G Charifund	−24.6	−27.8
Jascot Fin & Prop	−24.7	—
M & G Pens Ex	−25.0	−34.1
Stewart American	−25.6	—
Jessel Prop & Gen	−25.9	−26.4
Schroder Spec Expt	−26.0	−34.2
Target Financial	−26.0	−28.3
Vavasseur Far East	−26.3	—
S & P Financial	−27.2	−27.3
North American	−27.5	−44.3
S & P Ebor Fin	−28.7	−35.1
S & P Ebor Energy	−29.7	—
S & P Scotbits	−30.6	−41.4
Financial Priority	−31.5	−34.1
Jessel City of Lon	−34.7	−35.9

A: % growth plus reinvested income since January 1, 1974.
B: % growth over past three years to August 7, 1974

Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2.

Motor insurance

Ups and downs in premium rates

On Wednesday the Royal Insurance group announced th its car insurance rates woul be increased by 12½ per ce from September 1. But othe insurance companies have r cently reduced their premiu rates for renewals. So what the real picture?

Some insurance companie apparently, have put the among the pigeons in the i surance market, by offeri discounts off current pr miums for motorists when th renew their insurances. Ma motorists who have been fac with frequent increases in pr mium in recent years may wondering where the ca lies.

Certainly, these discou should be looked on mainly sales gimmicks, and motor i surance is still likely become increasingly expensi in the future.

For some time, the Leg and General has been offeri "£2 off" to motorists w renew with it and mo recently the Commercial Uni has announced that it is allow 5 per cent off the p mium for all renewals.

This stresses the competiti nature of the motor insuran market and the indications that, when the Commerc Union increased its premi rates for renewals af August, 1973, it rather overc the increase compared with t rest of the market. The d count being offered at renew is one way of overcoming t disadvantage. And it also ha number of side advantages.

The important point abo this discount is that it appl only to renewals, and not new business—whether this somebody insuring for the fi time or transferring fr another insurer.

Increasingly, insurers can expected to take up t "defensive" position wh competing with each other. is sensible—and in the lo term interests of the motori public.

Clearly, most motorists wa there to be as little "waste" premiums as possible. As mu as possible of each premi should be used to pay clai and not be spent on prom tion, advertising, administ tive expenses, etc.

Of course, it can be argu that a large volume of busin helps to keep down premiu But a number of insur already have more than hal million motorists each. Th are those who feel that derwriting can be most eff tive with a smaller numl than that.

Taking on fresh business expensive. In the first pla premiums have to be higl competitive—since, genera speaking, it is more difficult attract motorists than to ret them on the books. Second there are advertising and oth promotional costs. Third there are the administrati expenses.

Another drawback to n business is that the motor who is attracted one year fro another insurer may move again in the following year. may be his policy to "sh around" each year—and company is involved expense when *losing* a polic holder, since the renewal doc ments will have been prepar before the policyholder's de sion is known.

Finally, many insurers fe that the experience of tho insured by them for the fir time tends to be worse tha for those of longer standin There are various reasons f this, one of which is th motorists are not always co pletely truthful when transfe ring from one insurer another and giving the new i surer details of their pa experience.

Clearly, therefore, it is likel to be better to concentrate o existing insureds (includin giving them a good servic when they make claims and a other times) in the hope th they will recommend thei friends and (more partic larly) children to take out i surance with the same com pany.

It will help motorists i advertising and administrativ costs can be kept low, com mensurate with giving a goo service. But, merely becaus existing policyholders are gain ing marginal advantages does not mean that we have see the end of motor insurance premium increases. There are plenty more to come in the future.

Inflation is the real problem for insurers, with everything going up sharply. This ranges from court awards for personal injury—which, of course, puts up out-of-court settlements—to the cost of new cars and, of particular significance, repair costs.

And, of course, the administrative costs of insurers have increased—although, in many cases they have been restrained by greater mechanization, etc., so that they have not necessarily increased at the same pace as the cost of living.

Insurers know that motorists will not necessarily continue to pay higher premiums for comprehensive cover. An increasing number of third party, fire and theft policies are being arranged at lower cost.

But insurers then miss out by not having the higher premium in their hands for investment—before so much of it has to be paid away in claims.

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week's political agony in nited States left the Lon- stock market largely un- d. Equities, in particular, ed to follow Wall Street's ge. It is indeed unlikely he arrival of a new Presi- at the White House will, self, spark off London's bull market.

the same, equities have d much steadier this week. pt and effective help for d Dominions Trust from ntial Assurance damped some of the more hairy urs of the preceding fort-

confidence remains thin rly as thin as the turn- Instalment credit com- shares must remain under d, and prospects for the rial sections can hardly ve as recession time nearer. And, with the t clearly vulnerable to ews, or just plain rumour, ownside potential is still

s against this evident risk further fall in the market nvestors should judge the of investment interest in Sea oil shares, which stood up well during the t setbacks.

s remain active, although ts that Kuwait had bought £750m of gilts outside the et were greeted with some cism last week. If world st rates start falling, then tors could move towards nger end of the market. he explosion in wholesale s in the United States sug- that President Ford will his work cut out to hold ion in check.

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during periods of relative ty in the property market, rty valuation can be a imprecise art. When the et is prey to uncertainty, has been for the past nine s, valuers' opinions can sharply.

the property bond holder, ice of whose units reflects lying valuations of the portfolio, this naturally rise to some concern, par- rly since there has never an agreed basis of valua- r of striking the price of within the property bond try.

publication this week by Royal Institution of ered Surveyors of "guid-

Sir Hilary Scott, chairman of the Scott Committee: it underestimated some of the problems now facing property bonds

ance notes" for the valuers of property bond funds is therefore a step in the right direction.

At the centre of the institution's recommendations are principles and procedures of valuation which should generally be followed unless there are special circumstances which justify a different approach.

The need for a general approach is clear enough for the valuation is crucial in maintaining equity between buyers, sellers and existing holders of the bond. The institution recommends, then, that an open market basis of valuation should be used and that any departure from this should be clearly stated and explained.

There are a number of more detailed guidelines both on valuation procedures and the frequency of valuation, and to ensure that the valuer is not under any constraint in following the institution's recommendations, it is suggested that the valuer's terms of appointment should be framed to give him wide ranging powers.

Trustees and fund managers should have the right to call on the valuer at any time to value the portfolio and the valuer should have a reciprocal right. If the valuer resigns or is sacked, he should have the right to value as much of the portfolio as he wishes and to have his certificate of value issued to the auditors and bond holders.

In the light of the problems of the Nation Life property bond, an off-shoot of the ailing Stern property empire, the recommended contents of an annual certificate of value to be included in the annual report and accounts are particularly important.

As well as giving the basis of valuation the certificate should, the Institution suggests, subdivide the total portfolio value between various categories of property and show the highest percentage by value of any single property in each category.

This is clearly designed to draw attention to the "too many eggs in one basket" phenomenon and goes beyond the area of responsibility that the valuer usually occupies—a token, perhaps, of the institution's determination to be seen to do what it can to tighten up property bond practice.

The same determination is apparent in relatively stringent rules to prevent the valuer becoming involved in any conflict of interest by undertaking other work for the bond fund.

None of this, however, will transform property bonds into a risk-free investment. For a start the institution has no legal powers to enforce these regulations. More important, there is no way in which a valuer can protect the bond from the consequences of bad investment judgment or a loss of confidence on the part of bond holders which precipitates a run on the fund.

That is one of the many lessons to emerge from the Nation Life collapse, and there is not much doubt that the point was seriously underestimated by the Scott Committee in its comments on the industry last year.

However, the valuers have clearly taken to heart the lessons from Nation Life that fall into their own province. If the guidance notes are effective they will undoubtedly be a help in tightening up a very loosely regulated industry.

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roblems for societies

the word "indexation" firmly entrenched in the cial glossary, thanks to the nment's proposals for cost ving-indexed bonds and contracts, it is now up to most closely affected to what indexation means for No one needs to make that ment more urgently than uilding societies.

re are three reasons for rgency. First, the societies been invited to participate ual terms (whatever these e) in the proposed index- SAYE scheme. Second, re most vulnerable to any vement in the competitive tions of National Savings. they have already come gingly in some cases) to that there is a fundamen- se for "indexing" at least of their savings and age loans in an onary age.

s, of course, open to the ies to refuse to offer the acility when it is launched e National Savings move- in nine to 12 months' time. anger for them is that by ding it to their savers they aking on an open-ended ty to repay an unpredict- sum five or seven years

act, it is likely that they articipate. Although con- nal net SAYE receipts running at a healthy £13m th in the first quarter of total SAYE funds in the societies' coffers were only £176m at the end of March, or less than 1 per cent of their total assets.

As long as their liabilities under the new scheme are also modest by comparison with their overall resources, they can afford to experience a high rate of inflation before their mounting repayment commitments become a serious embarrassment.

More worrying for the societies is that if the indexation idea gets well off the ground, there will be pressure to apply it not just to contractual schemes but to the full range of savings facilities. The societies could therefore face strong competitive pressures from other index-linked schemes. And even if they do not, general disillusionment with fixed money savings could force them into indexation unilaterally.

The development committee of the Building Societies Association has been looking at indexation for some 10 months now. Although the full BSA council has not yet passed formal judgment on the matter, the accepted need to attract more funds one way or another has conquered much of the early antagonism and scepticism.

However, there are three major stumbling blocks to be overcome before the full-scale indexation is viable.

First, if the societies are to index their deposits they must index their mortgages too. While there should be no shortage of housebuyers prepared to trade low early repayments for the possibility of mounting indebtedness in the future, great care will be needed if the supply of indexed funds can be matched with the demand for indexed loans.

Second, they must decide what index to use. On the face of it, savers will be mainly interested in keeping up with the retail price index. Borrowers, however, will need to have their loans linked to some index of house prices. For if the RPI were chosen as the index, serious problems could arise if the RPI were to rise and house prices were to remain stable or fall—as in the recent past. The societies' loans would be no longer backed by the value of the houses on which they were secured. So a new and authoritative house price index would almost certainly have to be formulated.

Finally, legislation would be needed to clarify the tax liability of savers and the tax concessions of borrowers. In particular, some form of tax relief would be needed on the repayments of capital: at present only interest enjoys relief, but indexation by its nature involves capital repayments and receipts in lieu of interest.

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ome bonuses should vary

r this week, the Legal and al, the country's second t life office, announced t was reducing its rate of nal bonus on individual es—from 30 per cent to r cent of bonuses already ing.

policyholders, this is not as serious as it sounds. In event, the Prudential in- d its rate of terminal earlier in the year. Why d the two largest life s be taking opposing ?

the first place, one needs stinguish between rever- y bonuses and terminal es. A reversionary bonus onus declared on a regular The important feature it is that, once declared, not subsequently be with- ,

ause a life office cannot quently withdraw or e a reversionary bonus has already been red, clearly profits cannot stributed up to the hilt by means. Otherwise, profits existed on paper when a was declared might have peared by the time the y became a claim through or maturity. So, the life holds profits back—both eet the bonus when it has to be paid and, hopefully, to be able to maintain or increase the rate of reversionary bonus in the future.

Life offices always want to avoid declaring a lower rate of reversionary bonus; it would be bad for future sales. When unit-linked life assurance was all the rage, traditional life offices were criticized for holding back profits and not paying them all out to policyholders. Partly to meet this criticism, many offices (but by no means all) introduced terminal bonuses in addition to their reversionary bonuses.

Terminal bonuses were intended to pay to policyholders some of the profits held back under the reversionary bonus system, and thus they represent a form of settle-up with outgoing policyholders—who receive the rate of terminal bonus current at the time when their policy becomes a claim.

If outgoing policyholders are to get bigger payouts when shares are booming, they must expect them to drop in today's conditions. The Scottish Widows, a byword for investment expertise, has reduced its terminal bonus, as have others, including the Equity and Law, and Norwich Union.

That is to be expected if a terminal bonus really is to be a final settle-up. A few offices have held their terminal bonuses steady and others, among which is the Prudential, have made increases. While an increase now may look fine, it does mean that, when times were good, policyholders were not being paid as much as they could have been paid; a substantial amount of profit was being held back.

The chief point to remember about terminal bonuses is that most of them did not exist at all a few years ago and so they are very much "something for nothing". Some offices still are not giving them. Secondly, they do not normally account for a substantial part of the claim value of a policy, and it is only policies becoming claims which are affected by the current rate of bonus.

If your policy becomes a claim in 10 years' time, it is the rate of terminal bonus at that time which will affect it. And, by then, the Stock Exchange could be booming, with very much higher levels of terminal bonus prevailing.

If reversionary bonuses start to be reduced, that will be the time to show concern about the situation.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Status Discount withdraws from furniture trade with £231,000 loss

Poor sales have forced Status Discount, the retail stores group, to withdraw from the furniture and carpets trade 18 months after adding it to its traditional home decorating and kitchen furniture business. All costs connected with the furniture side have been written off.

The effect of this is that in the 28 weeks to June 15 an operating profit of £355,000 (£650,000) is turned into a net loss of £231,000 (£350,000 profit) after charging interest, non-recurring and extraordinary items and adjusting for taxation. The write-offs are split between a non-recurring £55,000 and extraordinary items less recoverable tax of £169,000.

On the market the shares dipped to 9p, but later rallied to close at 14p, a point higher. The dividend is passed, against 2.5p.

Mr E. Healey, chairman, says that having traded fairly successfully in the first quarter, historically the worst period, the introduction of furniture into more stores and the opening of a central furniture warehouse was expected to bring a much improved second three months. But the group misread the effect the economic conditions would have on consumer spending and decided to leave furniture alone before the traditional business was jeopardized.

With these problems now behind it Status is now looking to a profitable second half with the interest charge, which was up from £63,000 to £318,000 at halfway, considerably reduced. It will be further minimized by the leasing of a considerable part of the surplus selling area.

Mr Healey says property, another new business, has also presented problems. But these are being mitigated by a subletting potential of £400,000 a year. About 40 per cent of the sub-letting programme has been completed.

Sir Alastair Pilkington, chairman of Pilkington Brothers: £150m worth of investment under consideration.

Pilkington Bros weigh up 'political risks'

Yesterday's annual meeting of the Pilkington Brothers, the glass group, heard from Sir Alastair Pilkington, the chairman, that they were planning to invest more than £150m in the next three years, but any decision to go ahead with the schemes would depend on all conditions, including the political risk.

While he was not against the nationalization of large service industries, Sir Alastair said there was a danger of drifting into nationalization only to find the situation irreversible.

Profit cheer again for National Carbonising

By Fred Wilson

Cheerful news from National Carbonising is that for the first time for three years the group has returned to profit.

While Mr E. Davies, chairman, is quick to point out that one swallow does not make a summer—the company still has nine "uncertain" months to face—the announcement was good enough for the market to move the shares up 4p to 48p yesterday.

Management accounts for the first quarter to June 30 show a profit of £293,000, after interest of £157,000 and oil-gas exploration expenses of £105,000; sales were £8.8m. No comparisons are given but in the preceding year the group lost a pre-tax £1.2m.

All activities contributed to the improved results, and the chairman adds that trading in July, although disturbed by plant holiday closures and inadequate coal supplies, was considered "satisfactory", and immediate prospects appear favourable. But he warns of the many uncertainties ahead for the rest of the year.

All in all, however, aided by sharply-increased export sales and substantially increased revenues from the derivatives from processing coal, Mr Davis expects a "reasonable profit" to be achieved in the full year in spite of the continuing burden of interest rates on bank and other borrowings.

Sphere buys investment portfolio for £5m

Sphere Investment Trust has sold a subsidiary called London & South American Investment Trust, an investment dealing company, to Meadclose Ltd for nearly £6m. Sphere has also purchased a portfolio of investments at their current market value of about £5m.

As a result of these transactions the management of Sphere Group's investments will be facilitated. The asset value is reduced by 5.46p a share, but the contingent liability on capital gains tax is cut by 7.66p a share.

Anglo Welsh opposes Ashbourne move

With Tuesday's extraordinary general meeting drawing near, the board of Anglo-Welsh Investment Trust (Continuation) is urging shareholders to vote against an attempt to unitize the company by E. S. Schwab, a secondary bank which is a subsidiary of Ashbourne Investments. Schwab has 32 per cent of Anglo-Welsh and aims to bring the share price into line with the net asset value.

The Anglo board says that turning the trust into a unit trust merely to attempt to take advantage of the "transitory phenomenon of a high discount" is wrong as the cost of such a change would be high and the new structure less satisfactory than the old. Prospects at Anglo Welsh are "good", and the structure of the company is appropriate to its aim of long-term capital gain.

Meanwhile, Ashbourne is itself engaged in a legal wrangle with a Crest International consortium holding 43 per cent of its equity, and made a contested bid.

Severe downturn at Customagic

The 1973 recovery of Manchester-based Customagic Manufacturing (when profits were more than doubled) has proved to be short lived and in the last period to April 30 the pretax slumped heavily from £253,000 to £63,000. The dividend is cut from 3p to 0.51p and on the market the shares weakened on the result.

The year, which the company described as "exceptionally difficult", splits into distinct halves. In the first six months profits dived 37 per cent to £61,000, mainly because of the cost of the integration, rationalization and clearing of redundant stocks of the Stretchova acquisition, which cost about £48,000.

But over the final period the three-day week, with its consequent loss of production and sales, meant that profits were a mere £2,000 against £155,000. The substantial stock reductions and rationalization have now been completed and the board says the company is in a healthier position to face what it describes as a difficult future.

The pre-tax is struck after depreciation of £23,000 (£19,000) and directors and auditors' remuneration mortgage and bank interest up from £47,000 to £96,000. The "net" was £23,000 (£147,000).

Noble & Lund passes dividend

Because of the three-day week and supply shortages, Noble & Lund's interim profits did not come up to expectations. There is no interim dividend (against 0.5p) because of the need to finance the large volume of orders in hand for machine tools.

Interim turnover is down from £623,000 to £563,000, and taxable profits are 87 per cent lower at £12,500. However, the board is satisfied with the outlook for the rest of the year, and feels that profits for the full term should be better. Over the whole of last year, profits of this engineering and machine tool making group leapt from a low of £12,000 to £111,000 in the latest of a series of recoveries.

Godfrey's halftime loss

Godfrey's, the property investment and motor trading concern which is controlled by Burston Group, moved into the red in the first half to April 30. Turnover in the period was more than halved from £2.98m to £1.39m, from which the group incurred a pretax loss of £58,000, against a profit of £320,000. This time there is a tax credit of £28,000 against a charge of £160,000. The interim dividend is held at 0.63p.

The board say the results reflect the depressed economic conditions throughout the period. But they stress that the underlying strength of the group's property assets and sufficiency of liquidity should enable it to maintain profitability, given some further activity in the property market and an upturn in the economic climate generally.

Eldridge Stableford sells Stephen stake

Eldridge Stableford, which backed John Stephen of London the clothing group when it was marketed in 1972, has disposed of its holding of 735,338 5p ordinary shares in JS (29.4 per cent) to Mr P. A. Davis of Harrow, Middlesex.

JS recently made known that in the half-year to February 28 the group had incurred a pretax loss of £76,000 against a profit of £84,000. No interim dividend is being paid.

Scottish Auto back to profitable trading

Car and commercial vehicle distributor, Scottish Automobile, says it has now mastered the problems facing the motor industry because of the economic situation and has now returned to profitable trading with better results in the current first quarter.

Including an exceptional item of £549,000, pre-tax profits in the 12 months to March 31 were £1.15m out of turnover of £61.2m. In the previous six-month period the figures were £468,000 and £22.1m respectively. After loan stock interest of £200,000 (£100,000) and tax the amount retained is £345,000 (£98,000), and earnings 5.94p (2.45p) basic a share.

Canpac Investments

Net income of Canadian Pacific Investments in the first six months of this year rose by $25.1m to $63.2m (£27.5m). After dividends earnings rose from 71 cents to $1.13 a share. Outlook for the rest of the year is said to be good.

Stoneware lower

A year ago profits of Stoneware, the Birmingham-based suppliers of building materials in which Mr G. R. F. Tompkins, of Green Shield Stamps, has a controlling interest, returned taxable profits showing a 21 per cent increase. But this time, in the year to February 28, profits show a downturn from £364,000 to £317,000. This includes higher investment income of £70,000 against £16,000 and a much higher surplus from the sale of investments of £65,000 against £12,000. Tax takes roughly the same, leaving net profits at £169,000 against £218,000, to which is added a surplus on the sale of a quarry after tax of £300,000.

Earnings a share were cut from 23.21p to 17.87p, and the total dividend is raised from 6.56p to 10p with a final payment of 9.38p against 5.56p. The group is now a "close company".

DST goes liquid as profit falls

Direct Spanish Telegraph, in which First National Finance has a substantial stake, has liquidated the greater part of its overseas investments during the first half of 1974 in preparation for the repayment of the multicurrency loan in October. In the last balance sheet the loan totalled £3.6m. In the United Kingdom also the board has sold a substantial part of the portfolio, says the interim statement.

Pretax profits for the six months to June 30 dived from £410,000 to £178,000, depressed by the effect of high interest rates especially on the multi-currency loan. The second half (says the board) will see substantially higher profits and at least the same total dividend (5p) is indicated.

Mr Victor Gray's stake in Queens Moat 19 pc

With the purchase of a further 1.35 million shares, Mr Victor W. Gray has brought his stake in Queens Moat Houses to 3.27 million shares, 19.6 per cent of the equity. This additional stake was acquired from "sources unconnected with the board", Mr Gray says.

Earlier this week, Mr Gray announced that he had a holding of 1.92 million shares (11.46 per cent) as a result of the acquisition of Carrowton Contract Services by Queens Moat in July.

Hopes of a bid edged the shares higher yesterday.

Briefly

BARCLAYS INTERNATIONAL

Barclays Bank International has allocated £223,000 to Barclays International Development Fund from last year's net profits. It is the largest single sum so far granted to the fund and brings the total since inception to £813,000.

C. T. BOWRING (INSURANCE)

Group has formed Bowring GmbH, an insurance broking company in conjunction with Gradmann & Holler GmbH of Frankfurt am Main, West Germany.

GRAND CENTRAL INV-KURIL PLANTATIONS

Grand Central are recommending Kuril's cash offer and ask GCP Investment Holdings to allow their current offer for GCI to lapse today, its initial closing date. This will give shareholders opportunity of accepting Kuril's cash offer.

JAMESONS CHOCOLATES

Half year pre-tax profit, £231,000 (£218,000); turnover, £1.56m (£1.23m); interim dividend, 1.25p (same).

SINGLO HOLDINGS

Taxable profit for year to March 31, £131,000 (£26,800); dividend 0.2p (nil). Dividend at date to be fixed when board consider that funds are available.

LANKRO CHEMICALS

Board have indicated that subject to continued profitability interim dividend for 1974-75 would be increased by more than difference lost in previous year.

CHARTERHOUSE GROUP

Glanville Enthoven subsidiary has acquired Edinburgh-based insurance broking group of Ross Scott Insurance.

AVP INDUSTRIES

Mr Harold Poster, chairman, writes in report that with present dividend covered by over four times he intends to recommend "substantial" increase when restrictions lifted. The last payment was 3.3p in total.

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT

Interim distribution on Income Units for period February 8, 1974 to February 3, 1975, will be 1p net per unit (0.95p net last year) payable on September 30.

ENGLISH CHINA CLAYS

Group has acquired 50 per cent stake in International Drilling Fluids, excluding their American activities. IDF is major mud-drilling company.

CONCRETE

Sir Kenneth Wood, chairman, says in report there are signs of improvement in demand for public high-density housing, which may help to neutralize shortage of other types of work.

CAWOODS

Company will continue planned course of internal growth, writes Mr Edward Binks, chairman, in report. Number of acquisitions possible but none will be made without good return prospects.

PRESS TOOLS

Last time turnover was £1.02m (£927,000) and pre-tax £140,000 (£116,000). Dividend is 1.89p (1.84p).

MUAR RIVER RUBBER

Quotation suspended pending reorganization details.

Wall Street

New York, August 9.—The New York stock market fell moderately today, the first day of President Ford's Administration, with investors looking for economic direction.

The Dow Jones industrial average declined 7.59 points to 777.30. Declining issues outnumbered gainers 768 to 553.

Silver: 2-9½c decline

New York, Aug 9.—COMEX SILVER futures continued to fall back from the highs early in the session principally on pre-weekend long profittaking coupled with the easier showing in Chicago Grains. At the close, prices had broken through overnight rates to show a 2¾ to 9½ cent decline. Volume was 3,919 lots. Aug. 431.20c; Sept. 435.00c; Oct. 440.30c; Dec. 451.00c; Jan. 455.50c; March 463.80c; May. 471.10; July. 477.60c; Sept. 484.20c; Dec. 493.60c. Handy and Harman $447.0 (previous 448.0).

COPPER futures steady between 10 and 70 points down on 1,270 lots. Aug. 81.80c; Sept 81.80c; Oct. 81.70c; Dec. 81.70c; Jan. 81.70c; March, 81.70c; May, 81.70c; July 81.70c; Sept. 81.70c.

COTTON futures were copycats to the trend of Chicago grain markets and closed about 0.65 to 0.80 cents lower. Commission houses were the main sellers. Particular background features were lacking. Oct. 52.60c; Dec. 52.30-50c; March, 53.45-665c; May, 54.45c; July, 55.35-46c; Oct. 55.20-30c; Dec. 54.90-510c.

SUGAR.—World Sugar in No 11 contract futures closed almost limit down of 1.00 cent on day trader selling and nervous commission house liquidation sparked by talk that the recently started technical correction had not been satisfied. Sept. 29.40c; Oct. 27.95-8.10c; Jan. 25.94c nominal; March. 23.85-4.00c; May. 22.05-20c; July. 20.20-15c; Sept. 18.40-35c; Oct. 17.60-45c. Spot 29.80. Off 50.

COFFEE futures in "C" contract closed about steady, 20 points lower to 30 points higher. Volume was light at 191 lots. Aug. unquoted; Sept. 63.40-45c; Nov. 60.20-35c; Dec. 60.10-50c; March, 61.10-49c; May, 61.50-75c; July, 61.50-20c.

COCOA futures again drifted in generally dull trade as the market awaited fresh incentives. Values fluctuated within 1½ cents trading range and business was light at only 705 lots. Sept. 79.90c; Oct. 77.40c nominal; Dec. 71.35c; March, 67.20c; May. 64.25c nominal; July, 62.00c nominal; Sept. 60.00c nominal; Dec. 58.00c nominal. Spots. Ghana 106c. Bahia 91c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—The soyabean complex showed limit losses for most of the day in Beans, Meal finished with losses of five to seven dollars a ton and Oil dropped 0.60 to 1.23 cents a lb. All fell in a continuation of yesterday's losses, in response to more overnight rains, and prospects for more rains in the belt. SOYABEANS.—Aug. 794½c asked; Sept. 792c asked; Nov. 794c asked; Jan. 795½c asked; March. 797c asked; May, 799c asked; July, 796c asked. SOYABEAN OIL.—Aug. 43.90-.70c; Sept. 41.83c asked; Oct. 39.60c asked; Dec. 37.26c; Jan. 36.40c; March, 35.70c; May, 35.00c; July, 34.35c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Aug. $153.00-154.00; Sept. $156.50-157.00; Oct. $160.00; Dec. $164.50-164.00; Dec. $164.80-164.00; Jan. $160.00; March, $168.00; May. $169.00 bid; July, $170.20 bid.

CHICAGO GRAINS: WHEAT closed weak 19 to 11 cents lower. Sept. 428-429c; Dec. 442-443¼c; March, 453-454c; May. 451c; July. 494c. MAIZE closed weak 10¼ to 11 cents lower. Sept. 384-364c asked; Dec. 347-347c asked; March. 352¼c asked; May. 349c asked; July. 349¼c asked.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
Airlease 8¾ 1988	80½	82½
American Motors 9 1989	85	87
Anglo-Amercn 7½ 1987	70	72
Ashland 8 1987	82¾	85¼
Austraswiss 8 1987	79½	80½
BICC 7¾ 1987	65	67
Bluebell 7¾ 1987	73	75
Bristol 8¼ 1979	85	87
Brit Steel Cp 8⅝ 1989	83½	85½
Burlington 7¾ 1987	81	82
Cadbury 7¾ 1990	68	70
Carrier 8 1987	82¼	83¾
Colombia 8½ 1988	80	82
Cons Food 7½ 1991	79¾	80¾
Cpnhgn Cty A 7¾ 1987	78	79½
Coventry 8¾ 1981	87	89
Coventry 8½ 1980	84	86
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	85	86
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	83¼	84¼
Dana 8 1987	81¾	82¾
Dnmrk Kingdm 7¾ 1990	79¾	80¾
Dnmk Mtge Bk 7½ 1991	76	77
Dundee 9¼ 1983	88	90
Escom 9½ 1989	92	94
EIB 8½ 1988	91	93
Eurofima 8½ 1989	87	89
First Chicago 7 1980	86	87
First Pensyvnia 7¾ 1984	80	83
Fisons 8½ 1987	73	75
GATX 8¾ 1987	81¼	82½
Gen Cables 8¼ 1987	73½	75
Gdn Royal 8 1987	75	77
GRH 7¾ 1988	77½	79
Hambros 7¾ 1987	72	74
Hammersly 8 1987	73	75
Hilton 7¾ 1987	63	65
ICI 7¾ 1992	74	76
Intl Utd 8¼ 1989	81½	82½
Kleinwort 8¼ 1987	74	76
Lancashire 9½ 1981	90¾	92½
Lgl & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	74	76
Manchester 8½ 1981	83	85
Mexico 8¾ 1991	78	81
Michelin 7¾ 1988	76½	77½
Mitsubishi R 9 1989	93	94½
Motorola 8 1987	86½	87½
Nat & Grind 7¾ 1987	74	76
Nat Coal Bd 8¾ 1988	83¼	85¼
Norges Komm 7¾ 1990	78¾	79¾
NA Rockwell 7¾ 1979	92¾	93¾
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987	81	82
Nottingham 8¾ 1979	87	89
Pac Lighting 8 1988	83	85
Pennwalt 8 1987	82¼	83½
Quebec Hydro 8¾ 1989	91½	92¾
Quebec (P) 7½ 1988	78½	79½
Queensland 8½ 1987	83½	84¾
Ralston 7½ 1987	81½	82½
RHM 8 1988	72	74
SAS 8 1987	80	81
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	80¾	81¾
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	88½	89½
Shell 7½ 1987	81¼	82¼
Singapore 7¾ 1987	84	—
Slough 8 1988	66	71
South Africa 8 1987	78	80
SIB 7¾ 1987	79	80
Stnd Oil 8½ 1980	93	94
Stnd Oil 8¾ 1988	91	92
Stnd Oil 8¾ 1988	93	94
Sybron 8 1987	82	83
Tenneco 7¾ 1979	86½	87½
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	74½	75½
Textron 7¾ 1987	74¾	75¾
Town & City 8 1988	68	71
Transocean G 7¾ 1987	83	85
Union Oil 7 1979	89¾	90¾
Union 7½ 1987	81	82
UDT 8¾ 1988	66	69
Utah 7¾ 1979	88½	89½
Utah 8 1987	81¼	82¼
Venezuela 8¾ 1987	90½	92½
Volvo 8 1987	80	81
Wellcome 8¾ 1987	70	72
Wm Glyns 8½ 1987	76½	78½
$ CONVERTIBLES	Bid	Offer
AMF 5 1987	50	52
Alaska Int 6 1987	40	42
American Exp 4¼ 1987	69½	71½
American Motors 6 1992	85	—
American Med 5½ 1992	32	34
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1993	66	68
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	86	88
Beatrice Foods 4⅞ 1993	76	78
Borden 5 1992	70	72
Borden 6¾ 1991	84	86
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	64	66
Carnation 4 1987	56	58
Cummins 6¾ 1986	73	75
Damon 5¼ 1987	40	42
Dart 4¾ 1987	88	90
E Asia Nav 6¾ 1989	84	86
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	77	78
Eaton 5 1987	64	66
Ford 5 1988	68	70
Ford 6 1986	78	80
Fedders 5 1992	56	58
Gillette 4¾ 1987	67	69
Gould 5 1987	72	74
General Elec 4¼ 1987	74	76
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	108¼	110¼
Harris 5 1992	57	59
Honeywell 6 1986	70	72
Hongkong Land Cum 7¾ 1988	84	86
ITT 4¾ 1987	60	62
ITT Sheraton 6½ 1989	68	70
J Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	104	106
J. P. Morgan 4¼ 1987	101	103
Mohasco 5 1987	54	56
Nabisco 5¼ 1988	66	68
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	82	84
J. C. Penney 4½ & 1987	80	82
Revlon 4¾ 1987	75	77
Ramada 6½ 1986	46	48
Rank Org 4½ 1995	48	50
Sime Darby 5¾ 1988	54	56
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	80	82
Slater Walker 5½ 1987	54	56
Southland 5 1987	58	60
Squibb 4¼ 1987	70	72
Utd O'seas Bk 6½ 1988	52	54
Warner Lambert 4½ 1988	64	66
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	69	71
Xerox Corp 5 1988	82	84
NON-$ BONDS	Bid	Offer
BASF (FF) 7¼ 1987	65	67
Bass (FF) 7¼ 1987	58	60
Bat Int Fin (FF) 7¼ 1987	60	62
Brascan (DM) 8½ 1988	84½	85½
BLMC (FF) 7¾ 1987	55	57
Charter (FF) 7½ 1987	56	58
Charter (DM) 6½ 1968/83	73	74
Courtaulds (DM) 6½ 1969/84	77¼	78¼
Denmark (DM) 9½ 1989	97	98
Denmark (FF) 7½ 1988	67½	69½
EIB (FF) 7¼ 1988	62	64
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	69	70
Estel (DM) 7¾ 1988	82¼	83¼
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	79¼	80¼
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	85	86
Lafarge (FF) 7¾ 1987	63¾	65¾
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	81½	82½
Occidental (DM) 6½ 1969/76	92¾	93¾
Suedafrica (DM) 8¾ 1970/85	83	84
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	82¼	83¼
Trans Euro Pipeline (DM) 8 1995	73¼	74¼
Voest-Alpine (DM) 8¾ 1988	89	90

DM—Deutschmark issue. FF= French Franc issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

ASSOCIATED TOOLING

Out of turnover of £1.27m (£911,000) profits last year were £220,000 (£49,000) pre-tax. Dividend is 2.62p (2.5p). Mr A. Pratt, chairman, expects growth to be maintained.

	Aug 9	Aug 8
Allied Chem.	38⅞	38½
Allied Stores	20⅛	20¼
Allied Supermkt.	2⅝	2¾
Allis Chalmers	8⅞	8½
Alcoa	49¼	49
Amax Inc	38⅞	39¼
Amerada Hess	17½	17¼
Am. Airlines	7¾	8
Am. Brands	32½	32⅞
Am. Broadcast	23	22⅞
Am. Can.	25⅞	26
Am. Cyan.	18⅛	18⅛
Am. El. Power	16⅞	16½
Am. Home	35⅞	35⅞
Am. Motors	6⅞	6¾
Am. Nat. Gas	32½	32¼
Am. Smelt.	20	20¾
Am. Standard	11¾	11½
Am. Tel.	43⅞	44¼
Amf. Inc.	14½	14½
Anaconda	23¼	23⅞
Armco Steel	23½	23¼
Ashland Oil	19½	19½
Atl. Richfield	87¼	87⅞
Avco	4⅞	4¾
Avon Prod.	30e	30¼
Babcock & Wcox	17⅞	18
Bankers Tst NY	38¾	38⅞
Bank of Am.	30 h	29⅝h
Bank of N.Y.	39	39⅞
Beat Fds.	15⅞	16
Beci. Dick	26¾	27¼
Bell & Howell	14¼	14⅞
Bendix	36	36¼
Beth. Steel	31⅛	31
Boeing	15⅞	16
Boise Cascade	14⅞	14⅞
Borden	19	19⅞
Borg Warner	18⅞	18⅞
Bristol Myers	47½	47⅞
BP	7⅛	7⅛
Budd	10	10
Burl. Ind.	19⅛	19⅞
Burlington Nthn	37½	37¼
Burroughs	89⅞	91⅞
Campbell Soup	27¾	27⅞
Canadian Pac.	14	14
Caterpillar	56	55⅞
Celanese	32	31⅞
Central Soya	14⅛	14½
Charter N.Y.	21½	21¼
Chase Manhat.	33⅞	33⅞
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	33⅞	34⅛
Chesapeake Ohio	46	46⅞
Chrysler	15⅛	15¼
Citicorp	32	31⅞
Cities Serv.	41	40
Clark Equip	34	33⅞
Coca Cola	83¼	85¼
Colgate	24	25⅞
C.B.S.	37⅞	38¼
Columbia Gas	19⅛	18⅞
Comb Eng	33⅞	32⅞
Comw. Edison	24½	24⅞
Con. Edison	8	8
Cons Foods	18⅛	18⅛
Cons Power	12⅛	12⅞
Cont. Can.	23⅞	23⅞
Cont. Oil	28⅞	27⅞
Control Data	22⅞	22⅞
Corning Glass	60⅛	60¼
C.P.C. Intnl.	27	27⅞
Crane	30	30⅞
Crocker Int	16⅛	15⅞
Crown Zeller	30⅞	30⅞
Dart Ind.	18⅞	18⅞
Deere	35	35½
Del Monte	19	18⅞
Delta Air	41	41⅞
Detroit Edison	10⅛	10⅛
Distil. Seagram	33⅞	33⅞
Disney	37⅞	38⅞
Dow Chem.	68⅞	66⅞
Dresser Ind.	42⅞	42⅞
Duke Power	11⅞	11⅞
Du Pont	152¼	154
Eastern Air	6	6⅛
East. Kodak	89⅛	91¼
Eaton Corp.	28⅞	28½
El Paso G.	11⅛	11½
Equitable Life	12⅞	13
Esmark	28⅞	28⅞
Evans P. D.	6⅛	6⅛
Exxon Corp	73⅞	75⅞
Firestone	15⅞	15⅛
Fst. Chicago	23	23
Fst. Nt. Boston	29	28⅞
Fst. Penn Corp	19½	20⅛
Ford	44⅞	44½
G.A.F. Corp.	8	7⅞
Gamble Skogmo	24⅛	24
Gen. Dynam.	21½	20⅞
Gen. Electric	45⅞	46⅞
Gen Foods	21⅞	21⅞

	Aug 9	Aug 8
Gen. Instr.	9½	9⅞
Gen. Mills	42½	43½
Gen. Motors	44¾	46
Gen Pub Util N.Y.	11½	11¾
Gen. Tel. El.	20⅛	20⅞
Gen. Tire	14⅞	14⅞
Genesco	5⅛	5
Georgia Pac	32⅞	32⅞
Getty Oil	99⅞	101
Gillette	27⅞	27½
Goodrich	30	29⅞
Goodyear	16⅞	17⅛
Gould Inc.	20⅞	20⅞
Grace	22⅞	23⅛
Grant W.T.	5⅛	5⅛
Gt. At. & Pac.	11	10⅞
Greyhound	12⅛	12⅞
Grumman Cp.	12½	12⅛
Gulf Oil	20	20⅞
Gulf Wn. Ind.	20½	20⅞
Heinz, H. J.	40½	42
Hercules	34½	35⅛
Honeywell	42⅞	42⅞
Illinois Cent Ind	14⅞	15
Ingersoll	76⅞	78½
Inland Steel	35⅞	35¼
I.B.M.	206⅞	208½e
Int. Harv.	23	23⅞
Int. Nickel	27⅞	28⅛
Int. Paper	49	49⅞
Int. Tel. Tel.	19⅞	20
Jewel Co	23⅞	23⅞
Jim Walter	17⅞	17⅞
Johns Manv.	17⅞	18
Johnson & John	94	94⅞
Kaiser Alum.	17⅞	18
Kennecott	35⅞	35⅞
Kerr McGee	61⅞	62⅞
Kimb. Clk.	27½	27⅞
Kraftco Cp.	35⅞	36
Kresge S.S.	29⅞	28⅞
Kroger	19⅛	19⅛
Ligg. Myer	27⅞e	28⅞
L.T.V.	10	10
Litton	7	6⅞
Lockheed	4⅛	4⅛
Lucky Stores	10½	10½
Magnavox	4⅛	4⅛
Manuf Hanover	28	28⅞
Mapco	18⅞	18⅞
Marathon Oil	34	34½
Marcor Inc.	27⅞	26⅞
Marine Mid.	19⅛	18⅞
Martin Mar.	15⅛	15⅛
McDonnell	12	12⅞
Mead	17⅞	17⅞
Merck	68⅞	68⅞
Minn. Min.	67⅛	67⅛
Mobil Oil	40⅛	40⅞
Monsanto	61½	62⅞
Moore McC.	24⅞	24½
Morgan, J. P.	52⅞	53½
Motorola	45⅞	46⅞
NCR Corp	30⅞	30⅞
NL Ind	14	13⅞
Nat. Bisc.	28	28⅞
Nat. Distill.	13⅞	13⅞
Nat. Steel	38⅞	38
Norfolk West	56⅞	56
NW Bancor	33⅞	33½
Norton Simon	10⅞	10⅞
Occ. Pet.	9½	9⅛
Ogden	15	14⅞
Olin Corp.	16⅞	17⅛
Otis Elev.	32⅞	32⅞
Owens Ill.	35	36⅞
Pac. Gas. El.	21½	21½
Pan. Am.	3⅛	3⅛
Penn. Cent.	1⅞	1⅞
Penney J C	62⅞	63⅞
Pennzoil	19⅞	19⅞
Pepsico	47⅞	48⅞
Pet Corp	19	19½
Pfizer	29⅞	29⅞
Phelps Dod.	39½	38⅞
Philip Mor.	48⅞	48⅞
Phill. Pet.	46⅞	46⅞
Polaroid	26⅞	26⅞
P.P.G. Ind.	23⅞	24½
Proc. Gamble	91½	92⅞
Pub. Ser. El & Gas	14⅞	14⅞
Pullman	50	50
Rapid American	8	8
Raytheon	30⅞	30⅞
RCA Corp	13⅞	14⅛
Repub. Steel	24⅞	24⅞
Reynolds Ind.	45⅞	45⅞
Reynolds Metal	20⅞	20½
Rockwell Int	26	26⅞
Royal Dutch	30⅞	30
Safeways	36	36⅞
St. Regis	29⅞	29⅞
Santa Fe Ind	27⅞	27⅞

	Aug 9	Aug 8
SCM	10	9⅞
Schering Plough	52¼	53¼
Schlumbgr.	95¼	95⅞
Scott. Paper	13⅞	14⅛
Seaboard Coast	25⅞	26⅛
Sears Roe.	67½	68
Shell Oil	41	43
Shell Trans.	17¼	17¼
Signal Co	16⅞	16⅞
Singer	26⅛	27⅞
Sony	6⅛	6⅞
Sth Cal Edison	18½	19⅛
Southern Pac.	30⅞	30½
Southern Rly.	43⅞	44½
Sperry Rand	34	34
Squibb	27½	27⅞
Std. Brands	51½e	51¼
Std. Oil Cal.	28⅞	28½
Std. Oil Ind.	85⅞	85⅞
Std. Oil Ohio	45½	45⅞
Sterling Drug	20⅛	20⅞
Stevens J.P.	13½	13½
Stude Worth	24¼	24½
Sunbeam Cp.	13⅞	14
Sundstrand	17⅛	17⅞
Sun Oil	38½	38⅞
Teledyne	13¼	13½
Tenneco	20⅞	20⅞
Texaco	25⅞	25½
Texas East Trans	26½	26⅞
Texas Inst.	79	80⅛
Texas Utilities	20⅛	20⅛
Textron	17½	17⅞
T.W.A.	8⅞	8⅞
Travelers Cp.	20⅛	20⅛
T.R.W. Inc.	14⅛	14⅛
U.A.L. Inc.	18⅞e	18⅞
Unilever Ltd.	26⅛	26⅛
Unilever N.V.	40	40
Unionamerica	3⅞	3⅞
Union Bancorp	8⅞	8⅞
Union Carb.	43	42⅞
Un. Oil Cal.	36½	37⅞
Un. Pacific Corp.	80½	81¼
Uniroyal	7⅛	7⅛
United Aircraft	27⅞	27
United Brands	6	5⅞
Utd Merch & Man	17	17
U.S. Industries	6⅞	6⅞
U.S. Steel	46⅞	46
Wachovia	16⅞	16⅞
Warner Comm	8⅞	9
Warner Lambert	23⅞	23½
Wells Fargo	15⅞	15⅞
West'n Bancorp	16⅞	16⅞
Westghs El.	13⅞	13⅞
Weyerhaeuser	36⅞	36⅞
Whirlpool	22⅞	22⅞
White Motor	12½	12⅞
Woolworth	13	13⅞
Xerox Cp.	93	95⅞
Zenith	19⅞	20⅛

Canadian Prices

	Aug 9	Aug 8
Abitibi	12⅞	12
Alcan	30⅛	30
Alg. Steel	27¼	27⅛
Asbestos	17½	17⅞
Bell Tel.	43	42
Can. Sup. Oil	40	41
Can. Inv. Fd.	4.73	4.74
Cominco	29⅞	29⅞
Cons. Bat.	28⅞	29⅞
Distiller	32	32⅞
Fairview Corp	14½	13⅞
Falconbridge	30⅞	30⅞
Gulf Oil	27⅞	27⅞
Hawker Can.	6.13	6.13
Hud. Bay Min	19⅛	19⅛
Hud. Bay Oil	27⅞	28⅞
I.A.C. Ltd.	15⅛	15⅛
Imasco	25⅞	25⅞
Imp. Oil	30	30⅞
Int. Pipe	13⅞	14
Mass.-Ferguson	16⅞	16⅞
Mineral Revs	2.03	2.03
Power Cp.	11	11⅞
Price Bros.	14⅛	14⅛
Royal Trust	20⅛	19⅞
Steel Co.	31⅛	30⅞
Tex. Can.	37	37⅞
Trans. Mnt. Oil	14	14
Walker H.	42	41¼
W.C.T.	19⅞	19⅞

e Ex Div. a Asked. c Ex Distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange: Sterling, spot, $2.3723 ($2.3675); three months, $2.3621 ($2.3561); Canadian dollar, 102.37c (102.50c).

The Dow Jones averages: Industrials, 777.30 (784.89); transportation, 161.52 (162.33); utilities, 69.72 (69.66); 65 stocks, 236.89 (238.57). New York Stock Exchange index, 42.39 (42.73); industrials, 47.11 (47.50); transportation, 31.19 (31.44); utilities, 27.81 (28.02); financial, 43.35 (43.42).

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

New lows for hire purchase shares

The London stock market viewed the last Act of the Watergate drama without any great enthusiasm yesterday. There was some initial nervousness regarding the possible effects on sterling of the change of President in the United States. But by midday equities had almost abandoned trading for the week and prices were hovering around their overnight levels.

Recorded bargains for the London "floor" were a mere 4,312—starvation rations in terms of broking commission. The point was driven home by the disclosure of one further merger between two broking firms and the collapse of talks aimed at merging four others.

Oil shares looked a shade better than the rest of the market, with **Shell** edging up to 180p in further response to *good second quarter figures.* Over the week, Shell have now risen by 14p. **BP** added a further 2p to 332p yesterday.

The hire purchase shares continued to tremble at the situation disclosed by the results from **United Dominions Trust**, whose shares lost a further 3p to a new low of 31p. Also at new lows were **Mercantile Credit**, 4p off at 27p, and **Wagon Finance**, 1p off at 30p.

While the banking leaders managed a batch of small gains yesterday, there were minor losses in the merchants. **Slater Walker Securities**, with profits due shortly, dipped 2p to 118p.

Insurance issues looked uncertain. The involvement with **Budge Bros**, suspended on Thursday, took a further 2p off **Royal Insurance**, at 180p. **Commercial Union** eased to 100p. But **Prudential Assurance** closed unchanged at 81p.

But there was not much action on the major industrial share pitches. Among those to close a couple of pence either side of previous closing levels were **Beecham** (182p), **Courtaulds** (94p), **Fisons** (204p) and **ICI** (190p).

Tube Investments, with figures due, closed firmly at 189p. But **GKN** (142p) lagged behind, and shipbuilders had a quieter session. **Vickers**, easier this week on the sale of a substantial share stake by Wms **Hudson**, held steady at 93p yesterday.

Gold shares had a good session, extending gains during late dealings.

The gilt-edged market was extremely quiet, with the only feature of any note being two short-dated stocks going "ex-dividend". Otherwise prices were steady, but looked as if they might move a shade higher at times.

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Assoc Tooling Ind (25p) Fin	*1.37*	*1.87*	—	*2.62*	*2.52*
Customagic Man (10p) Fin	0.26	2.0	—	0.51	3.0
Godfrey's (5p) Int	0.63	0.62	23/9	—	1.25
Goldfields of SA Fin	115§	35§	24/9	150§	60§
Group Investors (25p) Fin	1.03	0.9	—	1.78	1.65
Hidong Estate (10p)	1.49	1.26	12/9	1.49	1.26
Noble & Lund (10p) Int	Nil	0.5	—	—	1.14
Nrn & T'atltic Tst (25p) Fin	2.0	2.0	—	3.87	3.87
Press Tools (10p) Fin	1.16	1.14	27/9	1.89	1.84
Rex Trueform Clothing	23§	19§	—	23§	13§
Scottish Auto (25p) Fin	1.84	—	—	3.67	1.75‡
Status Discount (10p) Int	Nil	2.5	—	—	6.15
Stk Conv & Inv (25p) Fin	1.31	1.34	—	2.04	1.97
Stoneware (20p) Fin	9.38	5.56	1/10	10.0	6.56
Triumph Inv Tst (25p) Fin	Nil	3.2	—	1.8	5.0

§ Cents a share. ‡ For 6 months.

Foreign Exchange

Dollar firm after resignation

Foreign exchange markets were quiet yesterday, with the dollar firm and stable after President Nixon's resignation. This had been largely discounted in trading earlier this week and intervention by the Federal Reserve as New York opened in the afternoon was suspected, although the amount was not substantial.

Sterling opened above its overnight level and was generally traded at $2.3735 in the morning. When New York opened the rate slipped back to $2.3675 at one point. The close was $2.3725, up 80 points on the day.

Gold closed at $153¾, up $2¼ on the day.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) August 9	Market rates (close) August 9
New York	$2 3670-3750	$2.3720-3730
Montreal	$2.3100-3175	$2 3160-3170
Amsterdam	6 27-31fl	6.27½-28½fl
Brussels	90 30-91 00f	90.80-91.00f
Copenhagen	14 14-20k	14.18-20k
Frankfurt	6 12-16m	6.14½-15½m
Lisbon	59.40-60 00e	59 65-95e
Madrid	135.25-36.00p	135.25-55p
Milan	1547-52lr	1547-49
Oslo	12.86-90k	12.88-90k
Paris	11.23-27f	11 26-27f
Stockholm	10 38-40k	10 39-40k
Tokyo	712-20y	717-19y
Vienna	43.25-60sch	43.40-60sch
Zurich	7.00-04f	7.00-01f

Credit easy for discount houses

In the discount market yesterday, day-to-day credit was again in good supply until early afternoon when conditions became rather patchy. The Bank of England was eventually required to help the market on a small scale, through purchases of Treasury bills directly from the houses.

This was the first time since Tuesday that the market had needed to turn to the authorities for assistance. Conditions were very easy at the outset, with secured loan rates quickly falling from 8 to 9 per cent, down to as low as 7 per cent. But rates began to firm up during the afternoon and the close was rather tight in the band of 6 to 8 per cent.

The Treasury bill rate eased very slightly at the weekly tender, leaving Minimum Lending Rate unchanged at 11¼ per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.10c prem-par	1.10-1.00c prem
Montreal	.50-.30c prem	1.85-1.65c prem
Amsterdam	1¼-¼c prem	5½-4½c prem
Brussels	Par-20c disc	15c prem-5c disc
Copenhagen	15 prem-20 disc	2-58 disc
Frankfurt	2¼-1¼pf prem	10-9pf prem
Lisbon	Par-100c disc	Far-280c disc
Milan	6-14lr disc	22-30lr disc
Oslo	1-48 disc	4½-1½8 prem
Paris	1½-3½c disc	6-8c disc
Stockholm	1-48 disc	1-5½ disc
Vienna	40-10gro prem	75-45gro prem
Zurich	2¼-1¼c prem	8¼-7¼c prem

Canadian dollar cross rate (against United States Dollar) $1 0238-41.

Eurodollar deposit calls 11-11½; seven days, 11¼-11¾; one month, 13¼-14¼; three months, 13¾-14¼; six months, 13¼-14¼. Gold am, $152.25; pm, $154.25.

Mining

Gold Fields' doubled profit

The Gold Fields Group pretax profits for the year to June 30 was R38.3m against R15.3m in the previous year, reflecting mainly a more than doubling in investment income from £15.6m to R34.2m. Surplus on realization of investments was also sharply up, from R2.9m to R7.1m, while net income from fees, interest, etc, increased from R0.8m to R3m.

Earnings a share rose from 89.6 cents to 219.8 cents during the period. The final dividend is 115 cents making a total of 150 cents for the year against 60 cents total in the previous year.

Falconbridge nickel mines: First half net earnings were $C22.8m against $19.8m and revenues were $246.4m ($200.8m). Earnings per share rose from $4.01 to $4.61.

Noranda copper force majeure extended

Toronto, Aug 9.—Noranda Sales Corporation said it advised United States customers that the 20 per cent *force majeure* on copper shipments for August will remain in force during September.

Commodities

Copper declines £22.50 a tonne

After an early sharp decline **COPPER** prices rallied in the afternoon but still closed £22.50 down for cash wire bars and £20 easier for three months. Covering and *pre-weekend book squaring* caused the partial recovery after losses of £40 for cash and £35.50 for three months had been recorded.

In the morning news of President Nixon's resignation was considered a background feature in so far as buyers showed some caution in face of persistent selling, part of which was influential.

The main reasons for the offerings, however, was the scheduled resumption this weekend of union talks with the strike bound United States copper companies. Some quarters also thought that expectations of a further large stock increase this week were overshadowing the market.

Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £775-76 a metric ton; three months, £793-94. Sales 3,450 tons. Cash cathodes, £762-64; three months, £776-78. Sales, 175 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £756-60; three months, £777-79. Settlement, £760. Sales, 4,900 tons. Cash cathodes, £738-39; three months, £759-60. Settlement, £739. Sales, 300 tons.

SILVER barely steady with LME values 3.5p lower. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 188.40p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 447.2); three months, 194.5p (460.1c); six months, 201.5p (471.9c); one-year, 214.1p (491.3c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 183-85p; three months, 188.5-89.5p; seven months, 197-98p. Sales, 116 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 187-87.5p; three months, 193.5-94p; seven months, 202-4.0p. Settlement, 187.5p. Sales, 54 lots.

TIN *dropped £65 for standard cash metal and £82.50 for three months.* Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,650-60 a metric ton; three months, £3,620-25. Sales, 275 tons. High grade, three months, £3,655-65. Sales 25 tons (switches). Morning.—Standard cash, £3,650-55; three months, £3,630-35. Settlement, £3,655. Sales, 335 tons. High grade, three months, £3,650-70. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,370 a picul.

LEAD steadier. Afternoon.—Cash, £237-38 a metric ton; three months, £233-34. Sales, 375 tons. Morning.—Cash, £232-33; three months, £231-32. Settlement, £233. Sales, 1,200 tons.

ZINC lost £19 for cash metal and £17 for three months. Afternoon.—Cash, £458-60 a metric ton; three months, £466-67. Sales, 1,300 tons. Morning.—Cash, £455-56; three months, £461-63. Settlement, £456. Sales, 575 tons. Producers' price, £330 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM fell by £1 to £75.50-77.50 ($179.00-184.00) a troy ounce.

ANTIMONY.—99.6 per cent. £1,950-£2,100 a metric ton.

BISMUTH.—99.99 per cent. $11.50-$12.50 per lb.

CADMIUM.—99.95 per cent ingots and sticks. $4.15-$4.25 per lb.

QUICKSILVER is put at $260-$270 a flask of 76lb.

RUBBER closed easier.—Cif's Malayan No 1 RSS.—Sept, 30.75-31.25p per kilo; Oct, 30.75-31.25p. Spot: 29.00p nominal buyer, 30.50p. Settlements: Sept, 29 25-30.00p; Oct, 30.00-31.00p nominal; Nov, 31.40-31.75p; Oct-Dec, 31.75-32.00p; Jan-Mch, 31.75-32.00p; Apl-June, 32 00-32.25p; July-Sept, 32.00-32 50p; Oct-Dec, 32.00-32.75p; Jan-Mch, 32.25-32.75p; Apl-June, 32.25-33.00p.

WOOL closed about steady.—Oct-Dec, both 175.0-185.0p per kilo; Mch, May, July, Oct, Dec all 170.0-185.0p Sales, nil.

JUTE firm.—Bangladesh White "C" Grade, Aug-Sep-Oct £186 nominal; Bangladesh White "D" Grade, Aug-Sept-Oct £178 nominal a long ton. **CALCUTTA** firm.—Indian Aug Rs440; Dundee Daisee, Aug, Rs395 a bale of 400lb.

COFFEE.—*Robusta futures strengthened in line with the late overnight movement on the New York "C" contract with fresh buying and nervous short-covering coming to a rather oversold situation.*

Sources noted that the market had recently shed substantial ground and had tended to lose touch with an already subdued physical sector which has been neglected due to current United States political considerations.

The robusta terminal gained further ground during the afternoon on additional covering and fresh buying following a steady opening New York market. Values fluctuated subsequently in fairly brisk jobber activity but still closed firm and showing gains of £14 to £16 in sales of 2,173 lots.

Arabica futures were well maintained and closed about steady at 225 to 450 points higher on balance after sales of 17 lots.

Robustas closed firm.—Sept, £450.0-51.0 a long ton; Nov, £462.0-62.5; Jan, £472.5-73.0; March, £478.0-79.0; May, £485.0-87.0; July, £488 0-90.0; Sept, £492.0-94.0. Sales, 2,173 (including 67 options).

Arabicas closed about steady.—Aug, $63.00-64.00 per 50 kilos; Oct, $63.00-65.50; Dec, $64.00-67.50; Feb, $64.50-65.00; April, $68.00-68.50; June, $68.00-69.50; Aug, $69.00-70.90. Sales, 17 lots.

COCOA futures were extremely erratic yesterday afternoon in spite of a certain amount of trade buying. Some positions achieved new highs for the day but nearby September, for technical reasons, was under pressure from long liquidation and closed not far above newly established lows. This position finished about £11.00 down whereas other months were steadier by £3 to £9 a tonne.

Sept, £773.5-4.0 a metric ton; Dec, £692.0-2.5; March, £648.0-8.5; May, £616.0-17.5; July, £587 0-96 0; Sept, £582.0-3.0. Sales, 2,654 lots. ICO prices, daily, 73.38c a lb, 15-day average, 74.82c, 22-day, 75.68c.

SUGAR.—The London daily price held at £300 a long ton. Futures closed steady. Oct, £276.30-6.50 a long ton; Dec, £258.60-6.70; March, £245 50-5.75; May, £232.90-3 00; Aug, £213.50-5.00; Oct, £194.50-6.00; Dec, £185.00-8.00. Sales, 4,894 lots. ISA price, 30.15 cents a lb, 17-day average, 27.77c.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—**WHEAT.**—US dark northern spring No 2 14 per cent Sept, £92.95, Oct, £93.60 transhipment East coast seller. **MAIZE.**—No 3 yellow American—French Aug-Sept, £69.50 transhipment East coast seller. **BARLEY.**—EEC feed, Aug, £59.50 West coast seller. A long ton, cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. **BARLEY** irregular.—Sept, £56.50; Nov, £59.35; Jan, £61.50; March, 63.50; May, 65.15. **WHEAT** irregular—Sept, £59.40; Nov, £63.15; Jan, 64.25; March, £66.40; May, £67.90. All a long ton.

Benguet Consolidated, the Philippines' gold producer reported record consolidated after-tax net income of 42,274m pesos (about $6.2m) for 1974's first half. Net income for the 1973 first half was 24,597m pesos.

MOORGATE INV

Directors hopeful of maintaining distribution at increased level this year.

HAZLEWOODS (PROPRIETARY)

Mr P. Davies has informed company his stake under nominee name Birlington Inv is about 29 per cent.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

Authorised Unit Trusts

1973/74 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd.			
		Barnett Hse. Fountain St, Man 2.		061-236 9775	
48.1	24.7	Giants	22.4	24.7e	5.20
43.6	25.8	Do Accum	23.0	25.6	5.20
44.7	23.0	Growth	20.7	23.0e	5.70
35.2	23.8	Do Accum	21.5	23.8	5.70
45 5	27.0	Income	24.4	27.0e	8.70
40.9	28.8	Do Accum	26.2	28 8	8.70
27 2	18.4	Int Accum	17.4	18.4	2.80
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks		0296-5941	
25.3	15.1	Abbey Capital	14.5	15.3	5.61
25.0	17.5	Do Income	16.8	17.7	6.07
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		6 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex		02774 59169	
47.5	25 6	Abbey Gen	23.6	25.6	8.31
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd.			
		14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2		01-588 6371	
81.3	46.0	Alben Trst*	42.5	46.0e	4.22
53.1	32.3	Do Income*	30.0	32.3e	8.23
		Allied Hambro Group.			
		Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex		01-588 2851	
71.6	40.0	Allied Capital	37.9	40.3	6.59
62.7	40 2	Do 1st	37.9	40.4	6.29
63.7	38.2	Brit Ind 2nd	36.2	38.8	6.90
38.3	21.4	Growth & Inc	20.3	21.6e	6.79
32.3	19.0	Elec & Ind Dev	18.0	19 2	6.93
37.6	28.4	Met Min & Cmdty	27.4	29.2	6.36
58.3	36 2	High Income	34.9	37.1	7.72
38.6	21 5	Equity Income	20.4	21.7e	8.56
24.6	17.9	International	17.6	18.7	1.89
25 0	25.0	High Yield Fnd	23.5	25.0	12 00
115.6	60.5	Hambro Fnd	56 8	60.5	7.01
53.7	29.8	Do Income	27.9	29.8	9.09
98.5	56.3	Do Recovery	53.1	56.7	10.10
30.1	14.3	Do Smaller	13.3	14.2e	7.82
25 9	15 9	Do Accum	15 0	16.0	5.93
26.1	17.7	2nd Smaller	16.8	17.9	7.36
50 8	35.6	Secs of America	34.8	37.2	0.69
101.6	99 5	Exempt Fnd	95.3	100.3	6.72
		Ansbacher Unit Management Co Ltd.			
		1 Noble Street, London, EC2V 7JH.		01-606 4010	

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Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¼%
(Last changed 24.5.74)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 12%
Discount Mkt. Loans %
Weekend: Open 7 Close 10
Week Fixed: 9-10½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11 5/16	2 months	11 3/16
3 months	11 5/16	3 months	11⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) (Trades (Dis%)

2 months	12 7/16-12⅛	3 months	13-12⅞
3 months	12¾-12⅝	4 months	13¼-12⅞
4 months	13⅛-12¾	6 months	13½-12
6 months	13⅛-12¾		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	12¼-12	7 months	13 9/16-13 5/16
2 months	12½-12¼	8 months	13¾-13½
3 months	12¾-12½	9 months	13¾-13½
4 months	13-12¾	10 months	13 15/16-13 11/16
5 months	13 5/16-13 3/16	11 months	13 15/16-13 11/16
6 months	13¼-13¼	12 months	13 15/16-13 11/16

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	12¼-12	6 months	13½-13¼
3 months	12¾-12⅝	12 months	13 15/16-13 11/16

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	10¾	3 months	12¾
7 days	11¾	6 months	13¾
1 month	12	1 year	14⅛-14⅞

Interbank Market (%)
Weekend: Open 11 Close 5

1 week	10	6 months	13
1 month	11¾	9 months	13½
3 months	13-13¼	12 months	14-14⅛

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 13¾ 6 months 13½

Finance House Base Rate 13½%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£303.3m	allotted	£150m
Bids at	£97.20	received	83%
Last week	£97.19½	received	35%
Average rate	£11.2215%	Last week	£11.2279%
Next week	£150m	replace	160m

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	12 %
FNFC	13 %
*Hill Samuel	●12½ %
C. Hoare & Co ..	*12 %
Lloyds Bank	12 %
Midland Bank ..	12 %
Nat Westminster	12 %
Shenley Trust ..	12½ %
20th Cent Bank	12 %
G. T. Whyte ..	13 %
Williams & Glyn's	12 %

* Members of Accepting Houses Committee.
● Demands deposits, £10,000 and over. 11¾ %
* 7-day deposits in excess of £10,000 up to £25,000 10¾% over £25,000 10¾%.

The Times Share Indices

The Times Share Indices for 09.08.74 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1950).—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	93.16	9.42	18.83	93.24
Largest Cors.	92.55	9.43	18.66	92 42
Smaller Cors.	95.12	9.44	19 34	95 87
Capital Goods	95.36	9 53	19.77	95 57
Consumer Goods	107 99	9 03	18.92	108.23
Store Shares	80.10	10.20	13.33	80.31
Largest financial shares	124.02	7.19	—	124 63
Largest financial and industrial shares	98.54	9.00	—	98.55
Commodity shares	196.26	5.66	12.58	195.41
Gold Mining shares	529.82	5.25	6.90	517.56
Industrial debenture stocks	71.42	8.77*	—	71.42
Industrial preference stocks	50.90	13 61*	—	50 90
3½% War Loan	24⅛	15.62*	—	24⅛

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High		Low	
All-time	198.47	(15.08.72)	63.84†	(16.07.59)
1974	136 18	(28.02.74)	91.37	(02.08.74)
1973	180.33	(12.01.73)	120.90	(14.12.73)
1972	198 47	(15.08.72)	174.48	(10.01.72)
1971	174.77	(31.12.71)	122.23	(02.03.71)
1970	145 78	(14.01.70)	110.76	(28.05.70)
1969	171.95	(31.01.69)	122.98	(28.07.69)

† Adjusted in 1964 base date.
* Flat interest yield.

Recent Issues

	Latest date of renun	Closing price
Ag. Mort 13¼% 1984 (£99½)		£96⅛
Black Arrow Gp 50p Ord (50)		33
Brent Walker 5p Ord		35
Finance for Ind 14% (£96½)		£20
York Wtr 10% Ord Pf		£101
RIGHTS ISSUES		
Bank Hapoalim (24)	...	30
Plantation Hlgs (10)	Sept 4	37

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. a £20 paid.

Geevor pulls ahead

Cornish tin producer Geevor Tin Mines which moved back into profit last year moved further ahead in the year to March 31 last with profits at the pretax level showing an almost fivefold gain. The outturn was £366,000 against £75,000. Of this, tax takes £181,000 (against £40,000) leaving net profits at £185,000 (£35,000). Earnings a share leapt from 8.51p to 44.79p and the total dividend is being stepped up from 10p to 27.25p with a final payment of 20.15p with Treasury consent.

C. & W. WALKER

Mr G. Lewis, chairman, told shareholders at meeting, company ahead of budget at halfway and record profits should be achieved.

DOMESTIC SITUATIONS

COUPLE REQUIRED

to run house in U.S.A. for minimum of 1 year. Good references essential. Husband must drive. All expenses paid.

Please call 01-580 8111 (weekdays) or 01-636 9401 (weekends).

ITALIAN FAMILY SEEKS

For early September, mother's help. Over 20, for 2 children (9 and 10). Please send photo and references, writing:

Countess Brizio,
Strada Salino 8,
10133 Torino, Italy.

CHESTER

Executive business couple recently moved from Southern England urgently require the services of experienced housekeeper/cook at their beautiful modern home.

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NANNY/HOUSEKEEPER

Cheerful adaptable person required for delightful house in Putney. 1 child aged 5. Own bedsit, T.V., bathroom. Salary according to age and experience.

Tel. 789 2800

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SUPER GIRL required immediately to help family in North Bucks, 3 children, 2, 5 and 7 years. Lovely home and top salary given to successful applicant—temporary or permanent. Telephone Winslow (029 671) 2464.

GARDENER (experienced) and wife for domestic duties to look after small estate. Centrally heated furnished cottage: ½ hour from London.—Write, or phone, Mopes Farm, Denham Lane, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks. Gerrards X 85253.

2 FRIENDS/SISTERS needed to cook, housekeep, drive; lively elderly couple in country house near Reading and M4; daily help; own flat in s.c. wing.—01-723 3715.

SCOTLAND.—Super sailing hotel on West coast, requires young lady as cook for 2 months. Tel.: Kilmelford 233

AU PAIR BUREAU PICCADILLY offer best jobs London or abroad. Call 87 Regent St., W1. 930 4757

AU PAIR for English family in Paris, 6 months plus. Phone: High Wycombe 881895.

AU PAIR. Young French family with 3 children seek au pair, Kensington. Tel.: 937 0379.

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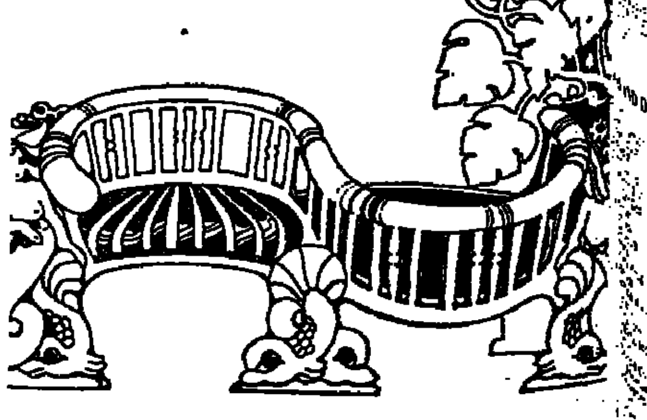

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80	500	Commerzbank	725	+10	27.8	3.8	16.0
27¾	15¼	Cp Fn Paris	£17	..	81.4	4.8	17.5
18½	26	EBES	£32	..	172	5.4	..
32	19⅜	Ericsson	£20¾	-¼	82.9	1.8	16.5
41	20	Finsider	34	-2	..	..	..
27	16¼	Granges	£26½	..	122	4.6	8.1
30	300	Hoechst	380	-5	14.3	5.1	17.6
35	29	Montecatini E	74	-1	..	..	..
15	10¾	NEPO NV	£12	..	73.2	6.1	21.0
37	365	Robeco fl.5*	372	-4	19.9	5.3	34.1
16	297	Rolinco Subs fl.5	241	-4	3.3	1.4	60.7
60	75	Snia Viscosa	180	-8	4.9	2.7	..
35	206	Thyssen-Huette	300	-10	16.6	5.5	10.7
29¼	15½	Volkswagen	£20¼	-¼	..	..	..

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1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div Pence	Yld %	P/E
1½	9⅜	Brascan	£8⅝	+¼	43.9	5.1	5.2
[illegible]	6	BP Canada	£8⅝	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
7	710	Can Pac Ord	820	-20	35.6	4.3	11.8
[illegible]	[illegible]	El Paso	£5¾	..	41.7	6.1	12.9
[illegible]	38½	Exxon Corp	£45¾	-1¼	8.6	0.6	52.3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fluor	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hollinger	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	15¼	Hud Bay Oil	£17⅛	[illegible]	28.9	1.7	32.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Husky Oil	£10¼	[illegible]	..	..	..
[illegible]	535	Int Hldgs	600	-5	33.2	..	..
[illegible]	12	Int Nickel	£16¾	[illegible]	58.3	3.5	12.6
[illegible]	[illegible]	IU Int	£7¼	[illegible]	37.7	4.8	7.7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Kaiser Alum	£10⅝	[illegible]	41.9	3.9	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Massey-Ferg	£10¼	[illegible]	33.9	3.2	7.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pacific Petrol	£11¼	[illegible]	..	..	..
[illegible]	613	Pan Canadian	662	-8	..	..	..
[illegible]	62	Steep Rock	80	+4	..	..	..
[illegible]	453	Trans Can P	585	-5	..	..	..
[illegible]	13	US Steel	£27½	[illegible]	..	..	..
[illegible]	380	White Pass	380	..	14.1	3.6	7.4
[illegible]	10	Zapata Corp	£15¼	-¼	16.7	1.1	3.9

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SHIPPING

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div Pence	Yld %	P/E
284	130	Brit & Comm	131	..	9.5	7.2*	6.4
170	13	Court Line	13	f ..	7.0	54.2	1.3
155	75	Fisher J.	75	..	3.3	4.2*	4.4
227½	110	Furness Withy	131	..	8.4	6.4*	4.9
310	50	Hill C. Bristol	50	..	6.1	12.3	..
12	[illegible]	Houlder Bros	£12	+1½	21.7	2.6*	15.1
850	270	Houlder Line	825	-25	29.5	3.9*	16.4
350	200	Hunting Gibson	200	..	12.4	6.2*	2.3
58	33	Jacobs J.I.	24	+1	2.3	9.5*	7.2
72	[illegible]	Manch Liners	72	..	3.4	5.5*	9.9
193	89½	Ocean Trans	93¾	..	8.4	18.1*	8.1
193	83	P & O 'Dfd'	87	+1	6.6	7.6	4.0
197	68	Runciman W	72	..	7.7	10.7*	6.1

MINES

OIL

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div Pence	Yld %	P/E
60½	41	Ampol Pet	42½	-1	3.1	7.3	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Ang Ecuador	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.2	11.1	[illegible]
91	15	Attock	21	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
151	[illegible]	Berry Wiggins	57	-2	2.8	3.0	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Brit Borneo	[illegible]	[illegible]	6.9	7.1	[illegible]
600	320	BP	382	-6	21.7	[illegible]	[illegible]
506	244	Burmah Oil	270	[illegible]	15.1	[illegible]	[illegible]
35	16	C F Petroles	£16¼	-¼	100	[illegible]	[illegible]
134	69	Oil Exploration	[illegible]	[illegible]	2.1	3.0	[illegible]
33½	19½	Premier Cons	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
[illegible]	11	Ranger Oil	£13¾	-¼	..	..	..
[illegible]	15½	Royal Dutch	£17½	-1	113	6.4	[illegible]
[illegible]	146	Shell	160	-3	15.5	8.8	[illegible]
206	96	Tricentrol	[illegible]	..	3.3	3.3	14.1
204½	146	Ultramar	156	..	..	..	..

PROPERTY

RUBBER

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div Pence	Yld %	P/E
87	52	Bradwall FMS	59	..	2.2	4.7	..
118	72	Castlefield	73	..	2.9	3.9	..
28¼	16	Chersonese	19½	-½	1.4	7.2	..
[illegible]	36½	Cons Plant	39	+1½	2.2	5.6	..
[illegible]	17	Doranakande	17	..	1.4	8.0	..
[illegible]	21½	E. Asiatic	[illegible]	..	2.2b	[illegible]	..
45	17	Gadek	45	h ..	2.5	[illegible]	..
63½	28	Golden Hope	38½	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
[illegible]	[illegible]	Grand Central	7½	h ..	0.8	10.0	..
440	184	Guthrie Corp	194	..	19.6	[illegible]	..
43	25	Highlds & Low	[illegible]	..	1.3	4.2	..
115	58	Hongkong	58	..	6.0	[illegible]	..
150	83	Killinghall	138	..	3.1	[illegible]	..
41	26	Kulim Grp	[illegible]	..	1.9	9.2	..
61½	36	Ldn Asiatic	36½	..	2.9	7.9	..
50	24	Ldn Sumatra	27½	..	1.5	5.3	..
54	36½	Maledie	[illegible]	..	1.3	15.6	..
[illegible]	9½	Malayalam	9½	..	1.6	[illegible]	..
91	36	Muar River	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	..
56	26	Pataling	31½	-½	2.8	8.9	..
63½	30½	Plant Hldgs	37	..	1.5	4.1	..
14	[illegible]	Sungei Krian	[illegible]	..	[illegible]	[illegible]	..

TEA

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div Pence	Yld %	P/E
54	38	Assam & African	40	• ..	4.2b	10.5	..
110	56	Assam Frontier	65	-1	8.0	[illegible]	..
71	30	Camellia Inv	31	..	1.4	4.4	..
112	23	Clairmace	23	..	5.2	22.7	..
185	76	Crosby Hse	83	..	11.2	13.5	..
36	20	Deundi	20	..	..	..	..
130	130	Doolahat	130	f ..	5.0	3.8	..
160	112	Jorehaut	112	..	5.2	[illegible]	..
150	60	McLeod Russel	62	-3	5.0a	8.1	..
88	53	Moran	53	..	4.2t	8.1	..
65	23	Ouvah Highfdr	23	..	1.4	8.7	..
44	30	Peacock Sacnl	36	+1	3.5b	[illegible]	..
190	128	Pelmadulla	130	f ..	11.2	9.6	..
48	20	Sthn India	20	..	..	..	..
32	17	Surmah Valley	17	..	..	..	..
106	73	Warren Tea	82	..	5.1	9.9	..
93	62	Williamson Hldgs	73	..	6.3	8.8	..

MISCELLANEOUS

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div Pence	Yld %	P/E
825	515	Algoma Cent Rly	640	-5	30.0	4.1	10.3
[illegible]	9½	Antofagasta	£10	..	..	..	..
40	25	Calcutta Elec	26	..	..	..	..
67	39½	E Surrey W 7%	£39½	..	700	17.7	..
49	25	Essex Wtr 5%	£30	..	500	16.7	..
135	70	Felixstowe Dock	85	..	9.5	11.1	5.4
725	390	Imp Cont Gas	400	-5	18.5	4.6*	15.8
140	130	Lisbon Elec Tr	250	..	3.1	1.3	..
47½	29½	Mid Kent Wtr	£30	..	500	16.7	..
170	81	Milford Docks	85	..	..	..	15.5
97	55	Nigerian Elec	68	..	10.7	15.8	..
372	230	Perak Rvr Hydro	258	..	13.1	5.8	7.5
48	28½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£30	..	500	16.7	..

REGIONALS

1973/74 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Div Pence	Yld %	P/E
86	34	Ash Spinning	36	..	3.0	8.3*	[illegible]
36	21¼	Astbury&Mdley	22	..	1.2	5.4*	5.5
86	22	Burm Post 'A'	23½	..	3.4	14.5	[illegible]
70	27½	Bonas Webb	29½	..	1.9	6.5*	[illegible]
64½	35½	Ch'mbn & Hill	35½	..	2.8	7.9*	[illegible]
135	100	Clough A.	118	..	4.2	3.6*	17.8
76	28	Compton Pturs	38	..	4.2	11.1	3.3
33	10	Herman Smith	11½	..	0.5	4.7	6.8
13	9	Hewitt J.	9	..	1.0	11.1*	[illegible]
104	64½	Irish Distillers	68	..	3.3	4.8	8.3
165½	45	McInerney Prop	51	..	6.0	11.8	[illegible]
177	14	Metro Town	15	..	0.8	5.3*	2.3
105	60	Newman Tubes	60	..	3.0	5.1*	6.0
150	75	Odex Racasan	85	..	4.9	5.7*	3.3
65½	42½	Tochins	48½	..	2.2	10.8	[illegible]
120½	43½	Priest B.	45	+2½	5.1	10.6*	[illegible]
185	53	Ryan-Tradars	59	..	11.4	19.3	3.9
47½	16	Smallshaw Knit	16½	..	2.6	15.8	1.4
85	45	Stocks J. & Son	50	..	4.3	8.6	3.6
38¼	21½	Sunbeam W'sey	21½	..	3.3	15.5	3.6
16	5	Thurgar Bardex	6½	• ..	0.8	12.0	..
80	27½	Warrington T.	27½	..	4.3	15.6*	6.5
19	10	Wheway Watson	10	..	0.7b	7.3*	5.5

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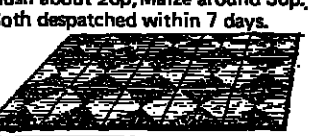

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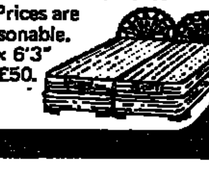

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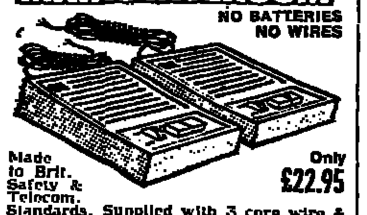

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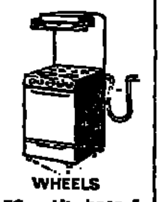

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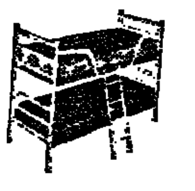

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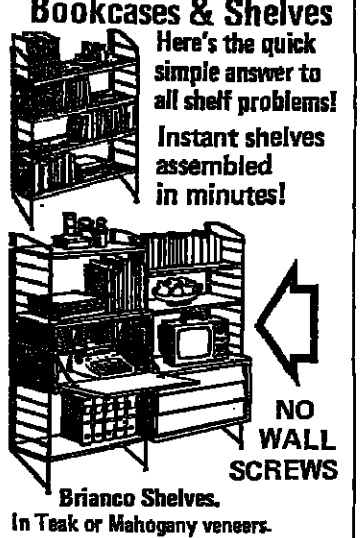

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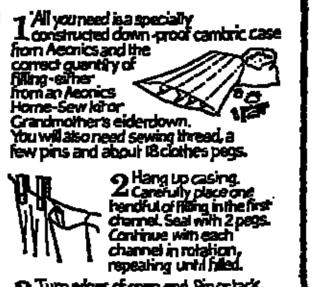

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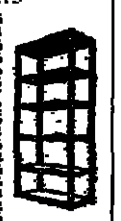

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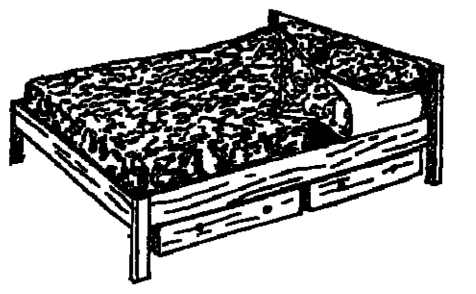

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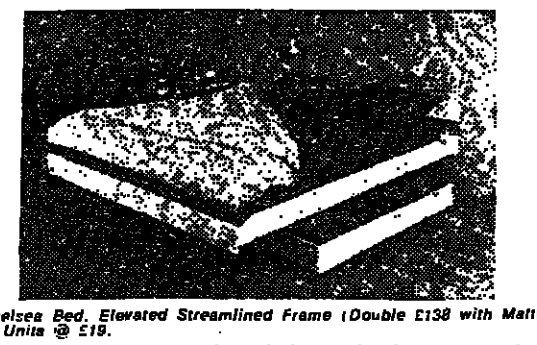

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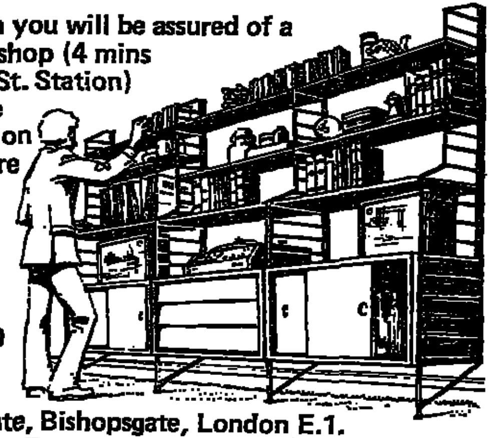

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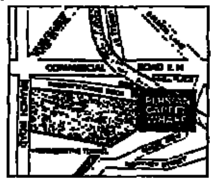

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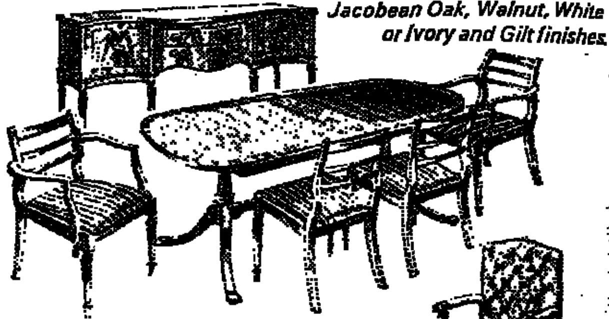

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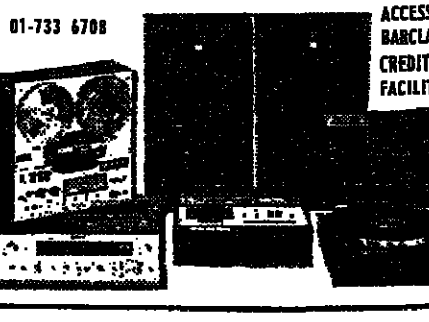

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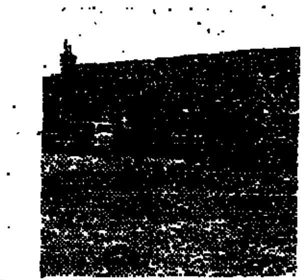

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BRADBROOKE.—On August 4th, at Trowbridge Hospital, to Susan (née Norcock) and Jeremy Bradbrooke—a daughter (Jacqueline Louise).

CURRY.—On August 9th at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E.5, to Patricia, wife of Squadron Leader David Curry—a son.

DUCAT.—On Aug. 8, 1974, to Rosemary (née Coker) and Timothy Ducat—a daughter (Amy).

HAINES.—On 9th August to Christine and Christopher, a daughter.

HARRIS.—On 5th August, 1974, to Gillian (née Kilgour) and Philip—a son, Thomas.

JENKINS.—On August 2nd, at Sumerleigh Court, Dorchester, to Ann (née Sharp) and David Jenkins—a daughter.

MEIGH.—On 7th August, 1974, at Colchester Military Hospital, to Caroline (née Arthur) and Edward Meigh — a daughter (Josephine Gabriola), a sister for Charles.

PONSONBY.—On 9th August, at Westminster Hospital to Alison (née Storey) and Myles Ponsonby—a son.

REEVES.—On 7th August 1974 at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, to Pamela (née Jater) and Stanley, a daughter (Caroline Elizabeth) a sister for Amanda Louise.

ROGERS.—On 2nd August, 1974, at Horton Maternity Hospital, Banbury, to Jill (née Short) and Brian—a daughter (Tiffany Roberta Kate).

BIRTHDAYS

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MARRIAGES

SILVER WEDDINGS

WOODHAM : MALONE.—On 10th August, 1949, at St. Ninian's Church, Knightswood, Glasgow, Ronald Woodham to Kim Malone. Present address: 128 Westwood Road, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks.

DEATHS

BARBER.—On August 8th, David Robert Barber, aged 57, beloved husband of Gillian, father of Abigail, Carolyne and Rosalind, dearly loved son of "Gus" and Betty Barber and brother of Peter. Funeral at St. Andrew's Church, Didling, near Midhurst, at 3 p.m., Tuesday, 13th August. Flowers to Pimm's Funerals, Charters, Mary Road, Guildford, or donations may be sent to Cancer Research.

BERESFORD.—On August 8th, at Elmdon, after a short illness, Janet Dykes, widow of John Beresford, in her 84th year. Funeral, Cambridge Crematorium (family), 2.30 p.m., Thursday, August 15th. No flowers please. Memorial service, Ashwell Church, date to be given later.

BROWN.—On 6th August, 1974, peacefully, at The Grove, Clevedon, Catherine Carleton, dearly loved wife of Lieut.-Colonel Eric C. Brown and beloved mother of Cynthia Grant and Stella Fraser. Funeral private. No flowers by her special request.

GILBERT.—On August 8th, peacefully in his sleep, Edmund Geoffrey Gilbert, of 25 Talbot Road, N.6. Beloved father of Justin. Funeral at Hampstead Cemetery, Wednesday August 14th at 11.30. Flowers to—J. Crowe & Sons, 45 Mill Lane, N.W.6.

DEATHS

HUNT.—On Friday, August 9th, Harold William Hunt, M.B.E., peacefully at home, King's Keep, Duver Rd., St. Helen's, Isle of Wight. Beloved husband of Joyce and dear father of Maurice, Gilbert and Betty.

JELLETT.—On 1st August, 1974, at Christchurch, New Zealand, Francis Henry Leader, only son of the late Dr Henry Jellett and Mrs Jellett, husband of Amy (née Courage) father of Jennifer Munns and brother of Gwendoline.

MARKS.—On August 8th, 1974, in a nursing home, Col. John Barkly Marks, O.B.E., F.R.I.C.S., R.E., retired, aged 82 years, of Keydell Cottage, West Street, Farnham, Surrey. Funeral service at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Farnham, on Friday, August 16th, at 2.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. Flowers from the family and close friends may be sent to H. C. Patrick and Company, Farnham, or, if preferred, donations to cancer research.

MILLER, ALASTAIR W. R.—On Aug. 4th, peacefully, in Santa Barbara, California.

PASMORE.—On 8th August, 1974, Captain D. H. Pasmore, late of The Bend, Chobham, peacefully at Beauchamp House Nursing Home, Taunton.

ROBERTS on 7th August peacefully in Chichester in his 85th year, Paul Roberts loved husband of Enid. Headmaster of Frensham High School 1926 to 1949. Cremation private. Memorial service later.

ROWSELL.—On August 6, peacefully in his sleep, Leslie Gordon, the dearly loved and loving husband of Marca. Cremation at Honor Oak Crematorium, SE23, Monday, 12th August, at 3 p.m. His wishes, no flowers at crematorium but bunches of flowers may be sent to the British Home, Streatham, for the benefit of the residents.

RUTTER.—On August 8th, 1974, after a long illness, Ronnie, beloved husband of Peg and father of Anne, David and Peter. Funeral service, Amersham Crematorium, Tuesday, August 13th, at 4 p.m. Flowers to H. C. Grimstead Ltd., Beaconsfield, or donations if desired to League of Friends of Amersham Hospital, Bucks.

SINCLAIR.—On August 8th, 1974, peacefully, at his home, Shephard Cottage, Major Harold Henry Davis Sinclair, M.B.E. Harold, beloved husband of Peggy. Deeply missed by his family and friends. Service at Worthing Crematorium, Findon, Sussex, on Monday, August 12th, 11.30 a.m. No flowers or mourning by his request.

SPARKS.—On 7th August, suddenly and peacefully, Geoffrey Oliver beloved father of Anthony and Richard. Enquiries St. Albans 57574.

STARK.—On August 6th, 1974, Agness Christina, of the Riviera, Freshwater Bay, Isle of Wight. Service and burial, at St. Marylebone Cemetery, East End Road, Finchley, N.2, at 3 p.m., Tuesday, August 13th. Flowers may be sent to Madley, 160 Maiden Road, N.W.5.

WETHERALL.—On August 9th, 1974, peacefully at home, Vera Gwendolen, dearly loved wife of Charles. Service at Bagborough Church, 2.30 Wednesday, 14th August, followed by private cremation. No letters, please.

WHITE.—On 9th August, in hospital after a long illness, George Campbell White, CBE, of Ravenside, Humshaugh, Hexham, Northumberland, aged 74. Dearly loved husband, of Millicent and father of Penelope, Jim, Tessa, Lucy and Elizabeth. Funeral private. No flowers please.

WORTH.—On 8th August, 1974, suddenly, but peacefully, Reginald Stanley, at Vevey, Switzerland, beloved husband of Carol and father of Penny and Peter. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Vevey, on Tuesday, 13th August, at 10.30. No flowers please.

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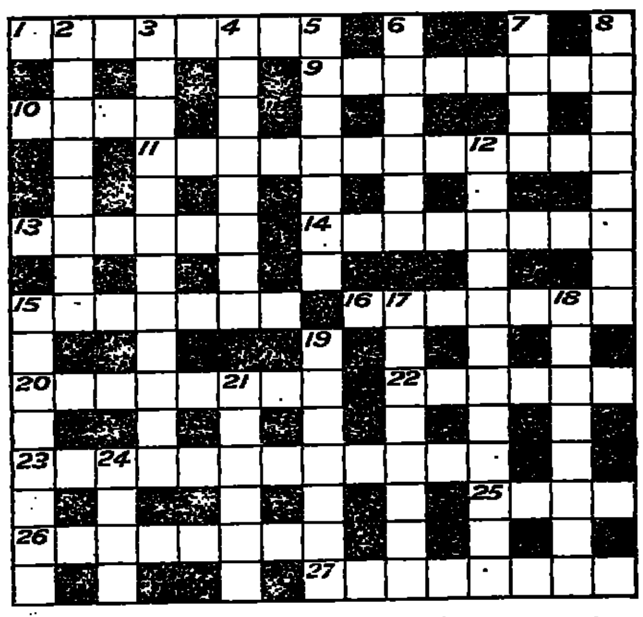


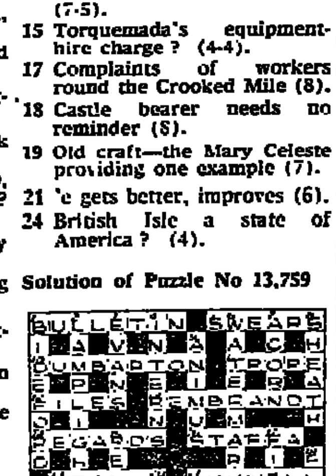
ACROSS

1 Penny, fishin', gets in nothing but an anteater (8).
9 Old age has trouble about gold—where to find it? (8).
10 Car runs on, inter alia, this old port (4).
11 PG for instance—this stopped him staying too long chez Procrustes (12).
13 Snake pursues Jeremiah, the Desert Rat (6).
14 I'd return perhaps to find a cuckoo in the nest (8).
15 Tears round Mayfair, getting reels back (7).
16 More flattering than frank (7).
20 Cry about a mere mishap, where milk may be spilt? (8).
22 Frolicked in a blithely spirited manner (6).
23 Restrain Chasuble switching into gilts perhaps? (12).
25 No prohibition here in Scotland it seems (4).
26 How real land differs from Dodgson's, naturally (2, 6).
27 Time thus goes into reverse in the old national park (8).

DOWN

2 A happy start in the New Year frolic—the place doesn't matter (8).
3 The Jacobean kingdom of Isambard Brunel (5, 7).
4 Hog put into fat, with old port (8).
5 Retribution gets one in a mess, one is beheaded for a start! (7).
6 Theologian, one in turn to become a drug victim (6).
7 A Turkish judge about the start of our era (4).
8 Monopolized, like Horner, J? (8).
12 Bad weather for ducks (7-5).
15 Torquemada's equipment-hire charge? (4-4).
17 Complaints of workers round the Crooked Mile (8).
18 Castle bearer needs no reminder (8).
19 Old craft—the Mary Celeste providing one example (7).
21 'e gets better, improves (6).
24 British Isle a state of America? (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 13,759



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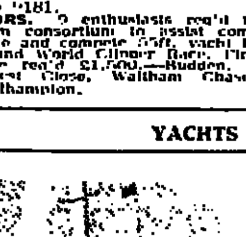

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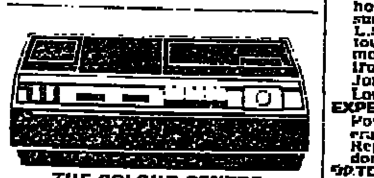

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